So Far, U.S. Economy Resists Global Shock

Can It Continue Strong Rate of Growth And Stave Off Cataclysms Elsewhere?

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

Pigs to the left, pigs to the right, pigs all around him, Charles Burrus stood in the cacophonous center of his bam in south-central Illinois, gestur-ing at the indignant squealers. He felt like squealing too.

"I don't know what we're going to do in the next three months," Mr. Burrus said, oblivious to the stench of the 7,000 animals around him.
"We're losing 10,000 to 15,000 a semi load."

Mr. Burrus, a 65-year-old whose gray hair peeks through his farm cap, has seen some tough times in a life of hog farming, including a fire that ripped through his barns in 1978 and roasted 1,200 pigs alive.

But nothing, he said, has ever been nearly as devastating as today's prices. These days he is bleeding money so badly that he worries about losing his 600-acre (243-hectare) farm here among the cornfields near Cantrall, Illinois, 130 miles (200 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

"This is something we've never seen in the livestock business," Mr. Burns said dolefully. "We've never seen this heavy a loss in the pork industry, not even in the Depres-

The problems on the Burrus farm, a sprawling collection of 14 hog buildings with temperature controls and automatic curtains on the windows, underscore how the economic crisis that began 19 months ago in Thailand is knocking on the gates of the American heartland. The only real chance of a rescue for Mr. Burns would come through an economic revival on the other side of the globe, in Asia, where his hogs usually end up be-

tween chopsticks. So far, the United States as a whole has been remarkably impervious to the crisis, and much of American inoil and imports resulting from the

downturn elsewhere. Still, it is not clear whether the United States can remain unaffected, and the crisis presents the country—and the rest of the world—with far-reaching political and economic challenges.

Up to now, Mr. Burrus is the exception, and the American economy is still growing strongly. Yet appre-hensions arise because the global economy is a three-engine jet, with one engine dead (Japan's) and another losing speed (Europe's). It all comes down to how much fuel is left



for the final, American engine. If the Cuban missile standoff was a mintessential Cold War crisis, then the current global economic upheaval may be a landmark crisis of the

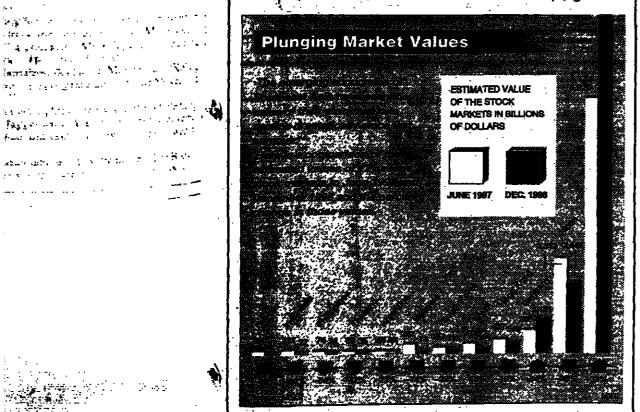
post-Cold War era.

The simplest challenge is for the United States to sustain its strong growth rates. But the broader task will be to prevent nationalistic cataclysms in the worst-off countries, like Russia and Indonesia, and to contain the political and security risks of explosive frustration if the crisis bites further into places like China and Latin

The U.S. economy has demonstrated tremendous flexibility and resilience, but uncertainties arise because the Dow Jones industrial average is nearly 50 percent higher than its level Dec. 6, 1996, when Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, warned about "irrational exuberance.'

Moreover, the Brazilian crisis marking the failure of a bailout agreed to in November - underscores that the storm has not necessarily passed. "To some extent, Brazil's problem

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Israelis Kill 3 Kurds at Consulate

Protesters Tried to Storm Berlin Building Over Ocalan Capture



By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

BERLIN — Israeli guards opened fire Wednesday on dozens of Kurds attempting to occupy the Israeli Consulate here, killing three people and wounding 16 in the worst violence since Europe-wide protests against the capture of a rebel Kurdish leader erupted.

Police said the shooting began after about 55 Kurds tried to enter the consulate in a tranquil Berlin suburb. The Kurds apparently chose their target in response to rumors that the Israeli secret service, Mossad, played a role in Tur-key's capture of Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers Party.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said in Tel Aviv that the guards had fired in self-defense after Kurds brandishing hammers and clubs entered the Berlin consulate. He denied any Israeli role in Mr. Ocalan's cap-

"We did not cooperate with any element in Ocalan's capture," Mr. Netanyahu said. "We have to make this clear and emphasize this because this is the reality and this is the truth." Israel, which has a security cooperation agreement with Turkey, was the object of "false accusations," he added. All Israeli diplomatic missions in Europe

German riot police,

Consulate in Berlin

on Wednesday after

Kurds storming the

consulate during a

demonstration over

the arrest by Turkey

of Abdullah Ocalan.

Mr. Ocalan, right, is

an aircraft bringing

photograph taken by

a Turkish intelligence

captured by Turkish

agents in Nairobi.

him to Turkey in a

officer. He was

shown under guard in

Israeli guards fired at

left, arresting a Kurdish protester

near the Îsraeli

urged Americans abroad to be cautious.

Mr. Ocalan, whose followers have waged a

long separatist war in southeastern Turkey in which more than 30,000 people have died, was seized in Nairobi on Monday in circumstances that remain murky. Turkish security agents then flew him to Turkey, where he faces a possible death sentence on charges including treason and murder.

The killings came in a second day of wide-spread Kurdish protests initially focused on

Abdullah Ocalan's rise and fall. Page 6.

Kenyan and Greek missions in Europe. Mr.

Ocalan was arrested after leaving the Greek Embassy in Nairobi, a sequence of events that apparently led many Kurds to believe he had been betrayed by the Greeks.

The swift violence of the Israeli response Wednesday stood in sharp contrast to the restraint of other embassies. "Our people have standing orders to prevent, with force if necessary, including by opening fire, any attempt to take hostages, and to defend themselves, Mr. Netanyahu said.

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Turkey Blocks Entry of Ocalan Lawyers for Trial

By Stephen Kinzer

ISTANBUL - Ecstasy and jubilation enveloped

Turkey on Wednesday following the capture of the country's most wanted fugitive, the Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocaian, but debate over his forthcoming trial has already begun to turn bitter.

A team of Mr. Ocalan's lawyers was denied entry to the country Wednesday, and the government said it would not permit foreign observers at his trial.

Foreign leaders and human rights groups issued a

stream of statements urging Turkey to give Mr. Ocalan a chance to defend himself fully. Several Turkish commentators said the trial could prove a crucial test party, or PKK. of Turkey's much-criticized judicial system.

Mr. Ocalan was captured late Monday night in Kenya, where he had been living clandestinely under the protection of Greek diplomats.

Turkish commandos brought him to Turkey before dawn Tuesday, and he has been taken to an island prison from which all other inmates are being evacuated. In a televised interview, Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit brushed aside concerns about the trial, which is

Party, or PKK.

"It will be very free, a very just trial, because justice is very free in Turkey, autonomous," Mr. Ecevit said. "It need not last too long because all the illegal actions, the crimes of the PKK's leadership, are well known."

Asked about his government's refusal to allow Mr. Ocalan's lawyers to enter the country, he replied: They want, more or less, to inspect the Turkish

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Rubin Sees Clash in G-7 Over German Currency Plan

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

ROME - U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, in an unusually candid statement, said Wednesday there were "disagreements" among Group of Seven nations over how best to regulate world currency and financial markets. Mr. Rubin, at a news conference in Washington, rejected proposals from Germany and Japan on ways to achieve more currency stability. His remarks came just before a key meeting of G-7

finance ministers Saturday in Bonn.
"There certainly are disagreements on some issues," he said, referring spe-cifically to a German proposal that would set up target areas within which the dollar, the euro and the yen would fluctuate. The plan has gained the backing of Japan.

The proposal, which has been spearheaded by Oskar Lafontaine, Germany's finance minister, is for central banks and governments to intervene in the markets to defend certain foreign-

exchange levels. The U.S. Treasury chief said the United States would oppose any G-7 effort to target currency levels or manage exchange rates.

We think that the way you achieve stability is to use fundamental economic policy," Mr. Rubin said, adding that if governments had to defend certain cur-

rate increases by some countries, which could hurt growth.

Mr. Rubin's strong criticism of the currency-target proposal also came on the eve of a visit to the United States by President Jacques Chirac of France, who plans to tell President Bill Clinton that France wants tougher global con-trols of hedge funds, currency markets

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Jones Judge Ready for 'Contempt Issue'

Impeachment Over, President's Testimony in Civil Case to Be Examined

By Peter Baker hingson Post Service

WASHINGTON — Just days after winning acquinal at his impeachment trial President Bill Clinton was confronted with a new legal threat as a foderal judge signaled that she may hold him in contempt of court for providing misleading testimony about his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Judge Susan Webber Wright of U.S.

District Court, who oversaw the Paula Jones lawsuit that led to Mr. Clinton's impeachment, told attorneys involved in the case Tuesday afternoon that she would explore civil sanctions against the president and gave them until Friday

to file the first motions related to the Newvestand Prices 1.000 BD Malta.... C £ 1.00 Nigeria 12600 Naira Jordan 1.260 JD LLAE 10.00 Dh Kenye K. SH. 160 U.S. M. (Bur.) \$ 1.20 (Creek 700 File Zinbelwe Zin.\$40.00

The judge's comments, made at her own imitative during a telephone conference call on an unrelated issue, took lawyers on both sides by surprise and indicated that the consequences of the Lewinsky scandal may not be completely over for Mr. Clinton, even if his trial in the Senate is. A contempt proceeding could revisit many of the same issues about Mr. Clinton's veracity that were examined in Congress, leading to written briefs and even a full-blown hearing in a Little Rock, Arkansas, courtroom. A civil contempt citation could force the president to pay tens of thousands of dollars and conceivably aid the inde-

seeks to indict Mr. Clinton. On Tuesday, Mr. Starr reconvened his Lewinsky grand jury at the federal courthouse in Washington after weeks of inactivity, although it remained unknown what it was doing behind closed doors.

Judge Wright first raised the pos-

sibility of contempt in a footnote to an order last September but said Tuesday that she had waited to follow through because she "did not want to interfere in any way with the impeachment proceedings then underway" or with Mrs. Jones's attempt to reinstate her dis-

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U.S. Warns Milosevic on Kosovo Talks

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The United States on Wednesday warned President Slobodan Milosevic that Yugoslavia must accept foreign peacekeepers in Kosovo.

A State Department spokesman, James Foley, said Saturday's deadline would stand for Kosovo's warring parties -- the mainly Serb Yugoslav government and ethnic Albanian Koso-

Airfares Drop Sharply

Most major airlines have aggress-vely cut fares between the United States and Europe. The discounted fares are being offered in dozens of American and European cities. Page 11.

var separatists — to reach an agreement that includes NATO peacekeepers. "President Milosevic has just a few

days to see the light, to see it is in his country's interests as well as in the interests of the people of Kosovo to not only agree to the political settlement but to agree to a peace implementation force," Mr. Foley said

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Senate Race Could Be 'Nasty Fight,' Advisers Warn Hillary Clinton

By Elisabeth Burniller

New York Times Service NEW YORK - As Hillary Rodham Clinton said that she is giving "careful thought" to run-

ning for the Senate from New York, the first lady's friends and advisers warned her that a race could be brutal and that the easy victory predicted by state party leaders is not at all guaranteed.

Mrs. Clinton said Tuesday that she would reach

a decision "later this year" and added that she was "deeply gratified by the large number of people" encouraging her to seek the seat of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrat who is retiring in 2000.

"It will be a nasty fight," said one of Mrs. Clinton's longtime friends and political advisors, speaking of a potential opponent, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York City. "Everything in Hillary's background will be recycled," said the adviser, who insisted on anonymity. "She has to think about whether she is prepared to go through this battering."

Democrats in New York and elsewhere were taken aback Tuesday by Mrs. Clinton's statement that she will delay a decision. If she waits too long, the delay would paralyze other Democratic candidates, who need the time to raise the \$10 million to \$20 million required for the race.

"She needs to think and think fast," said Elean-or Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's delegate to Congress. "That is, unless you want to give the New York Senate seat to Giuliani."

So far, Nita Lowey of Westchester County is the only Democrat to say she is seriously considering the race. Ms. Lowey has repeatedly said that she will not run if the first lady does.

Major Democratic fund-raisers said that Mrs. Clinton would have no problem raising enough money and that she could do it in two to three

As Mrs. Clinton decides, her advisers are making calls to New York political leaders and con-

sultants to gauge the depth of the first lady's support in New York. Polis show her to be enormonsly popular statewide, at least for now.

Harold Ickes, a former White House official who discussed the Senate race with Mrs. Clinton just a few days ago, was preparing to meet in . Miami with Dennis Rivera, one of the most powerful labor leaders in New York City. "I'm anxious to talk to him about it," said Mr. Rivera, president of Local 1199 of the hospital workers union.

"We certainly are encouraging her to run." But Mrs. Clinton's advisers say she must resolve

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Carnival Cheers Up a Country /'A Time to Forget Your Sadness'

Financial Crisis? Not for Partying Brazilians

By Anthony Faiola
Washington Post Service

ALVADOR, Brazil — It's long past midnight in this ing metropolis known as the "Black Rome," and the Trios Electricos — bands atop mobile stages on the Carnival parade route are blasting out thousands of watts of

The crowd, almost a million strong, gyrates wildly, packed flesh-to-flesh on the beachfront. And from his perch on a passing mobile stage, the Brazili-an music superstar Carlinhos Brown is shouting out his prescription for this

"Forget the crisis — there is no crisis today!" yelled the man in dreadlocks and a tan African skirt, talking about the timing that put Car-nival, Brazil's world-renowned pre-Lenten bash, smack in the middle of the deepening economic turmoil in Latin America's largest nation. Standing next to two topless women with white spirals painted on their breasts, Mr. Brown told the crowd: Money is worthless, the crisis means nothing! It doesn't matter what we have or don't have, what matters is

to be happy!"

Carnival in Brazil, the massive celebration of drunken debanchery that many here use to temporarily escape the difficulties of life in poverty, has an even taller order this year.

Brazil's economic crisis erupted last month after the government was forced to devalue the country's currency, the real. Since then, the real has dived 36 percent against the dollar, bringing higher interest rates, recession, more unemployment and widespread fears that hyperinflation — Brazil's worst enemy, and one of its most familiar — is on its way back.

Mr. Brown's exhortations notwith-

standing, the crisis stung this year's Carnival, greatly reducing the corporate sponsorships and donations that blocos, or Carnival music associations, use to stage their shows. Organizers were forced to cut back on costumes, decorations --- even per-

Here in colonial Salvador, the capital of Afro-Brazilian culture and traditionally one of the three centers of Carnival along with Rio de Janeiro and the historic town of Olinda, an appearance by the singer Grace Jones was canceled. Brazil's currency devaluation had made her \$35,000 price

But this is Brazil — a nation that has seen no less than six currencies come and go in the past 20 years as leaders have tried in vain to awaken the giant that world economists say is sleeping here. By now, the Brazilians have belt-tightening on automatic pilot.



The Brazilian sex symbol Suzana Alves leading a corps of drummers during Carnival in Rio de Janeiro:

Barring Armageddon, the party goes on. People just get mostly naked, slap on some glitter, grab a 50-cent shot of sugar-cane liquor and start to groove.

'Carnival in Brazil is an extraordinary event, far bigger and more important than the many crises that Brazilians have gone through," Caetano Veloso, one of Brazil's music legends, said as he looked out at the sea of ecstatic revelers. "It is the way that Brazilians reaffirm life each year, a way for us to reaffirm the happiness that is inside the Brazilian soul. Nothing, nothing can rob Brazil of that magic.

In this mystical heart of northeastern Brazil, home of the old Bahian cacao plantations captured by the writer Jorge Amado, Camival is considered less glamorous but far more authentic and raw than in Rio. Instead of well-organized balls and elaborate costumes, Carnival here, which ended Wednesday, is more a series of street parties and lascivious free parades with the symbols of Candomble, a fusion of African gods and Catholicism created by early slaves, deeply intertwined in the celebration.

The mobile shows are staged by more than 100 Carnival associations, which compete for the top prize each year. Fund-raising by the associations almost always goes down to the wire, but this year, for many associations, the situation became desperate.

. Just hours before the big bang of

Carnival began, the Brazilian music great Antonio Luis Alves Souza better known by his nickname, Neguinho do Samba (Little Black Man of Samba) — rushed into a back lot by the airport carrying envelopes stuffed with cash to pay the artists hired to paint Candomble gods on his Carnival association's massive parade float

Normally, his Trio Electrico would have finished its preparations weeks before. But this year, the group's main patroness, a Sao Paulo writer, could not afford a generous donation. Dida, his all-female association of drummers, singers and dancers, fell more than 50 percent short of its \$200,000 budget, forcing him to personally vouch money from his own royalty checks to buy the Carnival essentials. "We've had it tough — the crisis

made raising money very, very difficult," said Mr. Alves Souza, formerly the band leader of Olodum, the Brazilian group that first fused samba with reggae, inspiring collaborations with American musicians such as David Byrne, Paul Simon and Michael Jackson. The difficulties especially hit some

of the less commercial associations, such as Ile Aiye, or Black Nation in the Yoruba language of West Africa, a group formed in the 1970s as a black empowerment movement in Camival.

Brazil's recession and economic crisis not only dried up corporate sponsors but limited the number of people willing to pay to dance with the association — and many chose instead to take the more economical

option of dancing on the sidelines.
"We're probably going to go into debt after Carnival, but there's no sense thinking about that now," said He Aiye's president, who goes by the

In the Liberdade neighborhood of

Salvador, where the group stages its parade, the crisis seemed distant. Thousands of spectators, who pay nothing to watch the event, turned out to watch a Candomble "mother of the saints" toss popcom into air. Bystanders, who believe it brings good luck to get hit with the kernels, jumped and pushed to get in the line of fire. In a ceremony of renewal, white doves were set free as fireworks went off and the Ile Aiye band, dressed in elaborate yellow and white African robes, commenced with an intoxicating beat on white, black and red tribal drums.

"Carnival is a time to forget your sadness," said Plinio Mendes dos Santos, 32, one of the drummers, who is an unemployed cook now that the restaurant that he worked for has "I know how bad things are. It's

not an escape, because escape from this doesn't exist. I know my problems are still there. But you stop for all that for a moment to have fun.

Sharon Unfairly Targeted By Inquiry, Lawyer Says

yer alleged Wednesday that a police investigation involving the foreign min-ister was timed to hunt his chances in the

made public only after a gag order was lifted Tuesday.

Mr. Sharon is to be questioned by police investigators about suspicious that he provided a retired army general with business favors in exchange for favorable testimony in Mr. Sharon's libel suit against the newspaper Ha'aretz. Mr. Sharon is currently in the United

His attorney, Yaakov Weinroth, dis-missed the allegations as baseless and said he would release documents Thursday to prove his case.

Mr. Weinroth said he believed the affair was intended to hurt Mr. Sharon in the May 17 elections. "I think the timing is connected." he said.

Mr. Sharon is a close political ally of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. ■ Trip to Russia at Issue

Earlier, Deborah Sontag of The New York Times reported from Jerusalem: The Israeli police are looking into allegations related to a libel trial in 1997 that concerned Mr. Sharon's conduct as

defense minister during the 1982 invasion of Lebanor.
A retired general, Avigdor Ben-Gal, allegedly was bribed to persuade him to give false testimony at the trial.

Mr. Sharon flew to New York on Monday so that his wife, who is ill, could seek emergency medical care at Sloan-Kettering Hospital. The police will interrogate him when he returns to Israel. Mr. Weinroth said:

On Tuesday, the police interrogated Mr. Ben-Gal, now a businessman and chairman of the military aircraft in-dustry, about a trip to Russia with Mr. Sharon shortly before he testified at the libel trial.

Mr. Sharon, then the infrastructure minister, took Mr. Ben-Gal along on a mission to explore a deal on importing natural gas.
"I think that on the face of it you can

see the absurdity," Mr. Weinroth said.
"It's impossible to even think that a general in the Israeli military can be bribed by just a ticket to Russia." The investigation grows out of a com-plaint filed by the Ha'aretz newspaper

after it won the libel suit — a victory that Mr. Sharon has appealed to the Supreme Mr. Sharon had sued the paper for

alleging that as defense minister, he had misled the government of Menachem Begin about his plans for the invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The article, an opinion column, detailed a pattern of what it called Mr. Sharon's "lies."

The columnist, Uzi Benziman, referred to what he believed to be Mr. Sharon's willful deception of Mr. Begin.

WEATHER

The Associated Press

IERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon's lawer alleged Wednesday that a police wrote, "but he doesn't want to hide wrote," wrote, "but he doesn't want to made behind the wide back of the minister of behind the wide back of the minister of defense for his responsibility as prime. minister for the war. The inquiry into alleged bribery in a libel case began last summer but was trial, Mr. Sharon had always intended to

send Israeli troops deep into Lebanon, But, Ha'aretz said, Mr. Sharon led the government to believe that he was planning a narrow mission. Later, Ha aretz said, Mr. Sharon reported that he was making decisions to proceed deeper into the ground.

U.K. Balloonists Leave Spain in Bid To Circle the Globe

The Associated Press MADRID - Two British balloonists hoping to circle the globe lifted off Wednesday from a golf course at Almeria in southern

Andy Elson and Colin Prescot waved to hundreds of well-wishers on surrounding hilltops as the 60meter (200-foot) gold and silver balloon soared into a clear sky.
"It looked fantastic," said Mr.
Prescot's wife, Susie. "Much faster

than I thought. "It's exactly as Andy and Colin intended it to be," she added. "They have got the solar panels down, and

it could not have gone better."
The plan is for the balloon to latch onto subtropical jet stream winds near the Canary Islands off the coast of West Africa and then head east across North Africa. The balloon will carry the pilots

in a pressurized, high-tech cabin at an altitude of 9,000 to 15,000 meters. A successful touchdown could be in the North Sea or in the Mediterranean in 11 to 24 days. Mr. Elson, 45, and Mr. Prescot, 48, say they have planned a route that will allow them to avoid flying

over China, which has refused to

give balloonists authorization to

cross its airspace after another team drifted off course in December. Circumnavigating the globe nonstop in a balloon is one of the last great challenges facing aviators. The American beer company Anheuser-Busch is offering a \$1 million prize to the first team to achieve

The most recent attempt — by the British entrepreneur Richard Branson, the American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden — failed halfway through the journey in December.

U.S. and UN Haggle Over Libya Pledge

By John M. Goshko

UNITED NATIONS, New York -Secretary-General Kofi Annan has proposed assuring the Libyan leader, Moammar Gadhafi, that a long-sought trial of two Libyan suspects in the 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing would not attempt to undermine his government,

the bomb attack, which sent Pan Am Flight 103 plummeting to the ground at Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

Mr. Annan and U.S. officials are wrestling with the wording of a letter to Colonel Gadhafi seeking to meet his conditions for turning the two suspects over for a trial under Scottish law to be held in the Netherlands. Mr. Annan has been instructed by the

UN Security Council to act as middleman in the attempt to arrange the transfer of the suspects, but he cannot make any offer to Libya that is not approved by the United States and Britain, the two countries seeking to bring the suspects to trial. We are close, but the language is

still being negotiated," a U.S. source said. "There probably will be language that talks of 'not undermining' the Liby-an regime and that says the trial will be limited to matters pertaining specifically to the Lockerbie case. But we are not agreeing to anything that would permit Tripoli to bar full disclosure of who and what was involved in the bombing."

To that end, the sources said, a U.S. undersecretary of state, Thomas Pickering, traveled to New York this week for

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administration faced the delicate task of and guarantees concerning various as-ensuring that the suspects were brought pects of the process. The latest develto trial under conditions that would sat- opment came over the weekend after a isfy the families of the Lockerbie victims new diplomatic intercession by Saudi that undue concessions were not being Arabia and South Africa, countries made to the Gadhafi government.

The Libyan suspects — Abdel Basset
Ali Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah
— were indicted in Britain and the

Mr. Annan hoped to satisfy the Liby according to U.S. sources.

But the United States, they added, insists on language that would leave enough room to permit fixing blame for bomb on the jetliner. After years of diplomatic jockeying, London and Washington agreed to a trial by a panel of Scottish judges who would sit at the letter also was expected to contain a neutral venue of Camp Zeist, a military base in the Netherlands.

Arabia and South Africa, countries friendly to Libya. Tripoli said anew that it was willing to hand over the pair, but it

Mr. Annan hoped to satisfy the Liby-United States on charges of planting a an demand with the letter he was pre-

promise that if the two were convicted, they would not be interrogated by the Although Libya proposed the deal, it American or British intelligence and sehas stalled for months, seeking to set curity services in a bid to learn more conditions and demanding explanations about their government's activities.

TRAVEL UPDATE

U.S. Warns Travelers On Kurdish Reaction

United States on Wednesday urged its citizens traveling abroad to take special security precautions due to the angry reaction by Kurds to the capture of the Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

The State Department said that Greek diplomatic missions in particular had been subjected to violence and that it was possible "this danger may extend to American interests as well."

Flu Kills 18 in Hungary

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nesday. Twelve died last week, the officials said, with 80,000 new cases re-

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The Polish Cold Toll Hits 208

WARSAW (AFP) - Freezing weather claimed more lives overnight, bringing the death toll to 208 this winter, police said Wednesday. Thick snow continued to blanket Poland, and four times as many people have died of the cold this year as last.

Bargains on American?

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines was expected to offer bargains to win ering, traveled to New York this week for talks with Mr. Annan. The sources acknowledged that President Bill Clinton's in Hungary, health officials said Wed-

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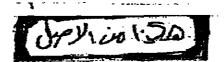
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prosecutor, Guy James Gray, in his 10 minute opening In a search of the apartment that Mr. King had been sharing with his fellow defendants - Shawn Berry, 23, and Lawrence Brower, 31 police found not only racist books but also an article from the December 1996 issue of

out how the accused killers had gone free when an allwhite jury acquitted them. Police also found some of

Murder With 'Dramatic' Flair

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> Letters written by a defendant included racist statements about sexual relations between white women and black

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The new organization was between Mr. Berry and Mr. sent out to new members.

something dramatic that would get media attention, which would attract, in their to begin operating on July 4. Byrd. Mr. King's lawyers 1998, Mr. Gray said. Pros- have yet to reveal their trial ecutors hope to prove that the timing of Mr. Byrd's death, less than a month earlier, was intended to help in that be-

Mr. King became a mem- mbing connected to an oxyber of the Confederate gen canister beneath the long Knights of America, a prisonbased white supremacy group, while serving a jail the testimony, often resting term in the mid-1990s. It was his head in his left hand. His during this stretch that he met two lawyers, both white, sat Beguire magazine, about the Mr. Brower, also a member of to his left.

Killing of Emmett Till in Mississippi, a notocious racial slaying of the 1950s, pointing since their high-school days.

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On the other side of the aisle sat two rows of the friends and relatives of Mr. Byrd.

public donations by 9 percent. But she also has intertwined politics and philanthropy in a way that gave fuel to her critics in the nonprofit At times, Mrs. Dole seemed more interested in her own image than that of the Red Cross, some observers inside and outside the charity say. Even in managing the crisis involving the safety of the Red Cross blood supply, which Mrs. Dole cites as her greatest achievement, she first launched what federal regulators later viewed as a public re-lations effort and her reform proceeded at a slow and costly pace until a federal agency finally sued

as a Fortune 500 company, her admirers say. At a

time when the Red Cross, like many charities,

had seen its United Way funding plunge, Mrs.

Dole not only made up the difference but used her

own tenacity and persuasive charm to increase

In a schedule laced with paid speeches to civic and political groups, Mrs. Dole spent so much time on the road that she left herself open to criticism that no one was overseeing the or-ganization's routine operations. A 1996 inde-pendent study of the Red Cross by KPMG Peat Marwick criticized Mrs. Dole's management style and reliance on a "shadow staff" of con-

the Red Cross to force serious top-to-bottom

vision, competently overseeing a charity with \$2 Critics complained that she added her political billion a year in revenue and missions as diverse allies to the payroll, including Mari Masing Will, the communications director for Bob Dole's 1996 presidential bid, who served as a consultant on the blood program. Mrs. Dole also installed important Republican donors, such as Inez Andreas, wife of the agribusiness giant Dwayne Andreas, a longtime supporter, on the Red Cross

> Always mindful of image, she occasionally ried to distance herself from controversies the Red Cross faced, according to those inside and outside the organization, leaving others to take the public heat.

> "She delivers the good news," said Paul Clol-ery, editor of the Non-Profit Times, which has closely monitored Red Cross operations for The bad news is delivered by someone An event late last year showed how she some-

times left the impression that she was using the Red Cross job to better position herself politically, charity watchdog groups say. Mrs. Dole was prominently featured on a prime-time television Christmas Eve "spectac-

ular' showcasing the charity's achievements.
"People were thrilled," said Josie Martin, Red
Cross spokeswoman, who left her post last week.
The show raised \$25,000 through a national tollfree number and may have brought in more to the Red Cross's 1,300 local chapters.

Getting Through Midlife Without the Crises

In a survey of adults, ages 25 to 74, participants were asked a wide variety of

have a generally youthful outlook and a high level of happiness.

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questions dealing with many aspects of life. The results show that those in midlife

produce and was planned by Melinda Farris, a said. Red Cross consultant, who had helped organize special events for Mrs. Dole at the 1996 Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Farris came to the Red Cross in 1994 after. doing political image consulting work for Republican women. She said she and Mrs. Dole never discussed her possible presidential can-didacy during the preparation for the Christmas Eve television show.

Robert Bothwell, president of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, said that the program may have had a legitimate purpose but that its timing also gave it "the appearance of being a launching show" for a Dole presidential bid.

Eleven days after the show aired, Mrs. Dole innounced that she would resign to consider a run for the White House.

The purest indicators of Mrs. Dole's performance as Red Cross president are the numbers that nonprofit groups use to measure success. Money magazine rated the Red Cross the nation's best-run charity in 1996, based on the proportion of its income, 92 percent, that went directly toward helping the public.

Norman Augustine, longtime chairman of the Red Cross board, said he thinks Mrs. Dole ranks high as a Red Cross leader.

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The telecast cost the Red Cross \$1.3 million to she's done 'a numaround,'" Mr. Augustine

In fund-raising, Mrs. Dole was battling against a \$67 million cutback in money received ananally from the umbrella agency, United Way. She fought back, but it was an expensive proposition: The costs of fund-raising doubled from \$33 million in 1991, the year she arrived, to \$67 million last year.

Overall, however, it was a successful effort. The 9 percent increase in public donations that Mrs. Dole achieved translated to a total of \$567 million last year.

Corporate and other nontraditional donations more than doubled during her tenure. She called on business leaders she knew from her previous political jobs. Many of them gave generously to the Red Cross for the first time.

Mrs. Dole also lobbied personally to get Congress to give the Red Cross \$170 million, to the chagrin of less well-connected charities. Getting such money "smacks of inside dealings," said James MacPherson, head of America's Blood Centers, the group of nonprofit blood banks that competes with the Red Cross.

None of the controversies surrounding her leadership surfaced in New Hampshire last week as Mrs. Dole recapped her Red Cross years in what was billed as a speech on "the values of volunteerism" but which quickly took on the feel "If I was speaking in business terms, I'd say of a prelude to a presidential announcement.

It's a Wonderful Midlife

The Classic Crisis Isn't the Norm, Study Shows

By Erica Goode New York Times Service

By Charles R. Babcock and Judith Havemann

Washington Post Service

: WASHINGTON — As the just-retired pres-

ident of one of the nation's largest charities. Elizabeth Hanford Dole portrays herself as a bold

reformer who rescued a critically injured blood

program and delivered "real-life miracles" to

Her work as president of the American Red

Cross, she told an audience in New Hampshire

last week, gave her experience overseeing 32,000

employees and 1.3 million volunteers. "I un-

dertook a seven-year, \$287 million transforma-

tion of the way the organization collects, tests and

the system is now the best in the world, she

This image of confident leadership and su-

perlative performance as head of a huge and

domplex organization is central to Mrs. Dole's

pitch as she positions herself for a possible Re-dublican presidential candidacy, her first run for

But some who closely watched Mrs. Dole's thanagement of the Red Cross during a period of turmoid and controversy offer a mixed assess-

ment of her performance and what it suggests

about her possible presidential leadership style.

She is a manager of great strengths and broad

public office.

sistributes half of the nation's blood supply.

victims of natural disasters around the world.

NEW YORK - On Madison Avenue, childhood is carefree, adolescence equals angst, and middle age is synonymous with emotional upheaval — and a passion for sports cars.

But researchers who study the unfolding course of human lives have learned to distrust such popular stereotypes. The reality of development across the human lifespan, they find, is almost always more complicated, less romantic and far more interesting than any portrayal offered up by the world of ad-

Certainly this is true of the portrait of middle age emerging from a 10-year study of nearly 8,000 Americans by the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Midlife Development, which released the first in a series of reports on its findings Monday. Far from being a time of turmoil, for most people the midlife years appear to be a time of psychic equanimity, good health, productive activity and community involvement, the re-searchers found. "On balance, the sense we all have is that midlife is the best place to be," said Orville Brim, director of the network, which is made up of researchers from many academic disciplines.

The years between 35 and 65, and in parpicular the decades between 40 and 60, are when people report increased feelings of wellbeing and a greater sease of control over many parts of their lives. A majority of pasticipants in the MacArthur study said they felt better about heir lives than they did 10 years before.

Finances and sex life were the areas over which people in the study felt they had least control. Men in the study felt more in control of their martiages than women, while women felt more in control of their sex lives.

And though the notion that most people undergo a "midlife crisis" persists in the public mind, the study confirms earlier findings that midlife upheaval is the exception rather than the rule: Only 23 percent of participants in the study reported having a midlife crists, and only one-third of those described the crisis as a time of personal turmoil brought about by the realization that they were aging. The rest tied the crisis to specific events in their lives, in some cases events that had

By Rick Lyman
New York Times Service

JASPER, Texas - John

and two other young white men chained a 49-year-old

black man to the back of their

pickup truck last June and

dragged him 3 miles (5 kiiometers) down a country

road until his flayed and battered body was torn apart. The case against Mr. King,

24, the first of the three sus-

pects to come to trial in the

death of James Byrd Jr.,

opened Tuesday morning before a jury of seven men and.

five women - all white ex-

cept for one black man.
"Bill King needed to do

warped world, new mem-

bers," said the Jasper County

nothing to do with aging. Margie Lachman, a professor of psychology at Brandeis Uni-versity and a member of the MacArthur network, said people who did experience a mid-life crisis appeared more likely to score high on a scale of "neuroticism" and to have a higher level of education.

The centerpiece of the MacArthur project is the Midlife Development in the United States, or Midus, survey, an in-depth canvassing of 3,000 English-speaking adults from 25 to 74 years old. The survey, conducted by telephone with follow-up mail questionnaires, explored a variety of areas under the broad headings of physical health, psychological well-being and social responsibility and was designed to explore why some people seem more successful at achieving these in midlife than others.

A further 5,000 subjects also completed the telephone interview and mail questionnaire as part of 11 related studies. Results from those studies will be released in future reports, Mr. Brim said.

While other research has plumbed various aspects of the middle of the human lifespan, the strengths of the MacArthur project, the researchers said, are its size and comprehensiveness and the opportunity it affords researchers to compare and correlate data from a large sample in many domains of life. In the realm of physical health, the study

spondents when they were asked how good they expected their health to be in 10 years.

Though survey participants were likely to underestimate their risk of serious illnesses such as cancer and heart disease, according to Paul Cleary, professor of health-care policy at Harvard Medical School, who analyzed some of the survey's health data, more than 95 percent agreed that "keeping healthy depends on things I can do."

Back problems (22 percent), arthritis or rheomatism (21 percent), anxiety, depression or other emotional difficulties (21 percent), stomach trouble (20 percent) and high blood pressure or hypertension (19 percent) were the most frequent complaints among study participants aged 35 to 64.

Prosecutors also introduced

letters on Tuesday that were

pen pal while he was in prison. Those letters included numer-

ous profanities and racist

statements, particularly about sexual relations between

white women and black men.

fense lawyer, made no open-ing statement on Tuesday but

reserved the right to make one later. He did pause during one

of the breaks in the trial to shake his head at the evidence

that prosecutors had unveiled

in the trial's opening day.

"The evidence does appear overwhelming," Mr.

Cribbs said, but he cantioned

against concluding that, as a result, Mr. King is guilty of the charges against him.

In letters to local newspa-

pers, Mr. King has admitted to being in the pickup the night of the murder but said

the killing, which he blamed

strategy.
Mr. King's father, suffer-

ing from emphysema, sat in the front row behind the de-

fense table at the trial, plastic

bench. At the defense table,

Mr. King sat quietly watching

Haden Cribbs, the chief de-

found a "strong sense of optimism among people in midlife" about their health sad the prospects for it in the future. More than 70 Longer the Poor Cousins

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health as excellent, though that number Republican Moderates Gaining Power on Key Issues dropped about 20 points among older re-

By James Dao

WASHINGTON — Since Republicans regained control of Congress in 1994, the party's conservative leaders have treated Republican moderates like poor cousins — patiently tolerated but frequently ignored. Now these moderates, concerned that im-

peachment has tarnished their party, and them, too, are vowing a more forceful role in Congress this year, demanding that the party take pragmatic stands on issues like abortion, education, taxes and the environment. 'People perceived as the most dogmatic, I

mean conservative, are opening their minds to us out of necessity," said Representative Brian Bilbray of California. "They realize their agenda is not going to move without us."

Moderates have made pronouncements like that in the past, only to buckle under pressure from conservatives. But they contend their hand is stronger this year for several magnes.

hand is stronger this year for several reasons. One is the election of Representative Den-Prosecutors Hone Motive Theory in Texas Racist Killing One is the election of Representative Dennis Hastert of Illinois as speaker. He is widely

riewed as a pragmatist.

Another is the Republicans' slim nine-vote majority in the House, which will require the leadership to court moderate Republicans, or

conservative Democrats, to enact legislation. "I'd rather we had a larger majority, but for the short term, it helps us," said Representative Peter King of New York, who often

votes with the moderates.

In addition, Republicans of all stripes are saying that the party must prove it is about

But the impact of the moderates is more likely to be felt in the House, which has been the more partisan chamber in recent years.

more than impeachment. That will require moving toward the center and passing sub-stantive legislation on health care, education and taxes, the moderates contend.

"At this point, Republicans aren't terribly popular in many parts of the country," said Representative Jim Ramstad of Minnesota, who represents the moderates in House leadership meetings. "Impeachment has exacerbated that problem. The pressure is on the Republican Congress to produce, no question about it."

Representative David McIntosh, a leading Republican conservative from Indiana, said conservatives see a need to talk more with

"On the social issues, there are big dif-ferences of opinions," he said. "But people understand that when you have a narrow margin, you can't have everything you want, so let's work through those issues.

But the limits of the moderates' influence were made clear last week when the House leadership won passage of a bill that would make it easier to kill legislation that is considered expensive to business, typically environmental or health and safety measures.

In the first weeks of the 106th Congres moderates in both houses have asserted themselves on several major issues. Most prominently, all five Republican senators who voted against both articles of impeachment last week were Northeast moderates.

POLITICAL NOTES

Clinton Leads Surplus Battle

WASHINGTON - With impeachment behind him and the Republican-controlled Congress in recess. President Bill Clinton is trying this week to gain the upper hand in the debate over how to divide the federal budget surplus while saving Social Security.

The campaign began Wednesday with satellite-linked town-hall meetings aimed at selling young people on the president's plan to shore up the retirement system and Medicare, which provides health insurance for the elderly and disabled. Mr. Clinton goes to New Hampshire on Thursday to talk about tax-credit proposals. Administration officials say they want to sharpen the

distinctions between the president's insistence on dealing with Social Security before trimming taxes and the Republicans' emphasis on across-the-board tax cuts. Although some authorities say the surest way to shore

up Social Security is to raise taxes and reduce benefits, the White House maintains this is unnecessary. (AP)

New Jersey Senator Will Retire

WASHINGTON - Senator Frank Lautenberg announced Wednesday that he will not seek a fourth term in 2000. The New Jersey Democrat, who turned 75 last month, has insisted for months that he wanted to win another term in hopes of becoming a committee chairman should Democrats win back control of the Senate.

Mr. Lautenberg's decision will affect the political calculations of both parties as they plot the 2000 elections. With 19 Republican seats and 14 Democratic seats up for re-election. Democrats are energized at the idea of narrowing or closing the 55-45 seat advantage now held by the Republicans.

Quote/Unquote

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York, about the possible Senate candidacy of Hillary Rodham Clinton: "She hasn't decided to run. I haven't decided to run. I learned in politics a long time ago that until there is a race, everything is speculation."

Away From Politics

 An auction of O.J. Simpson's sports memorabilia and other belongings raised a total of \$430,000, including, \$230,000 for the former football hero's Heisman Trophy. The proceeds will go toward paying a \$33.5 million civil judgment against him over the 1994 murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. (Reuters)

• The largest of the surviving octuplets has been moved from an incubator to a nursery crib at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Jioke Chukwu, who weighs just under four and a half pounds, and his sister Echerem remain in serious condition. Five siblings are in critical condition. (AP)

• State officials plan to vaccinate nearly 5,000 people in Williston, North Dakota, after a 2-year-old boy died of a meningitis-related bacterial infection.

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Every Monday in the International Herald Tribune.



Monday

With a wide range of topics from technology to space exploration, from recent medical discoveries to how the human brain functions, this in-depth feature brings up-to-date information scientific physical and developments in the intriguing worlds of health and science.



The Associated Press

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appealed, but justices can be asked

crime rate. Last month, the govern-

ment announced it would establish

similar courts throughout the country in a campaign to fight crime. 'We are not oblivious of the fact

that terrorism in Karachi and in oth-

inated effectively in the shortest

possible time, for which a solution should be found within the frame-

of Pakistan welcomed the court rul-

ing, calling it a "victory for the country's constitution." It said the

decision was a "defeat of those who

pleaded expediency above rule of

law, arbitrariness in place of es-

when and how the Supreme Court

ruling goes into effect. It said all

cases before the military courts must

be transferred to Pakistan's anti-ter-

There was some uncertainty over

work of the constitution.

to reconsider their decisions.

say.
"It will be an uphill task due to

Front coalition said in an interview after making a visit to Sabah.

He also said that Sabah members of Mr. Mahathir's United Malays National Organization did not demonstrate their loyalty to the party, unlike members in peninsular

Their interest was more impor-

Mr. Mahathir's party is the dominant member of the National Front coalition and champions the interests of the country's Muslims, another former chief minister, Har-who represent about 54 percent of ris Salleh.

military courts that were in session adjourned, the Associated Press of ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In a

ruling that spares 14 people from Pakistan said. death sentences, the Pakistani Su-An army sp An army spokesman earlier said the trials would stop once the army had received its orders from the government or the Supreme Court.

The seven-member panel de-Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto called the court ruling a clared that "military courts for the trial of civilians" were "unconsti-"slap in the face for a regime hellbent upon destroying every institutional, without lawful authority tution of state."

Attorney General Chaudhry Farooq said the cabinet of Prime The Muttahida Qaumi Movement, often known as MQM, a small Minister Nawaz Sharif would meet ethnic party that dominates the cities to decide whether to ask the court to of southern Sindh Province, accused the government of using the military Supreme Court rulings cannot be courts to target its supporters.

The MQM, which represents Urdu-speaking Indians who emig-rated to Pakistan, challenged the le-In November, the government set up the new military tribunals in Sindh gality of the tribunals in an appeal to Province to try to reduce the spiraling the Supreme Court.

"This decision shows that the Supreme Court is not under pressure from anyone," Babar Qauri, an MQM spokesman, said. "The decision has proved that the people of Pakistan can approach the Supreme

er parts of Pakistan has not only Court to seek justice." Three people were executed in Sindh Province after being contaken a toll of thousands of innocent lives but has also affected the economy of the entire country," the victed by an army-run court. Last month, the Supreme Court ordered And it is a matter of paramount all death sentences suspended importance that this menace is elimpending its ruling.

The government argued that the military courts were effective and that the crime rate had dropped substantially since the panels began op-The Human Rights Commission erating in Karachi, the Sindh provincial capital.

Cases before the military courts generally take less than two weeks, compared with months, and sometimes years, in the civilian judicial

In the military trials, the court appoints attorneys for the defendants and the attorneys are not allowed to call witnesses, even though prosecutors can call witnesses. The defendants' attorneys cannot argue verbally and must present their de-Within hours of the judgment, the fense entirely in writing.

Coalition Faces Uphill Task In Eastern Malaysian State

KUALA LUMPUR — Prime elections to be held in mid-March. Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad's governing coalition will have dif- has been waged for the past couple ficulty retaining power in the east- of weeks, and Mr. Mahathir is exem Sabah state in elections that could be called as soon as next Sabah on Feb. 18. month, senior Malaysian officials

anti-federal sentiment and wide-spread practice of money politics," a deputy minister from the National

their support for the various parties, by the coalition in the 48-seat Sabah he said. "The wife would support the government," he said, "but the husband is a supporter of the op-

tant than the party's," he said.

Year celebrations this week and An unofficial election campaign pected to start a three-day visit to

The deputy minister said a visit by some senior UMNO ministers to lp in the election campaign had backfired because of their insensitive approach.

"Some of these ministers just play golf and entertain supporters at the hotels," he said.

state assembly. The National Front is expected to face a stiff challenge from the local

Joseph Pairin Kitingan. The local party is making a comeback after winning 25 seats in the 1994 election but then having 21 legislators defect within a month of being sworn in.

Political observers say the National Front also faces a challenge for the Muslim vote from Parti Barisan Rakyat Sabah Bersekutu, led by



Members of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement celebrating the court ruling in Karachi on Wednesday.

In Indonesia, a Clash and a Rally

JAKARTA — Indonesian troops fired warning shots Wednesday in a clash with thousands of workers in Surabaja, the No. 2 city, while in

Pakistan High Court Rules Against Military Tribunals

At least 20 people were hurt in Surabaja when hundreds of troops used batons and water comments and his family. Who are under the surabaja when hundreds of troops and his family. break up a protest by 5,000 workers trying to break through army bar- curity forces at the scene. ricades and advance on the city center, witnesses said.

They had tried to go the city, and none of the workers are allowed to enter no matter what," said the police chief, Colonel Bambang Soetrisno. He said that four students had been arrested.

The workers from a household goodsmaker, PT Maspion, have held several protests this month to On Tuesday, the police fired

warning shots and tear gas to disperse 4,000 Maspion workers rallying in the factory's compound. Jakarta hundreds of people demon-strated to show support for former tors gathered in front of the attor-

> Witnesses said there were no se-The protesters insisted that Mr. Suharto and his relatives should not

> be vilified or mocked by the Indonesian people. About 500 people rallied in support of Mr. Suharto's eldest daughter, Siti Hardianti Rukmana, this month while she was being questioned at the same office over cor-

Indonesia has been rocked by reditions and have fought several over the past year as it faces its worst ians and the military.

economic and political crisis in de-

Meanwhile, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Cornelio Sommaruga, said he had asked for permission to expand relief operations in Indonesia because of the worsening situation, especially in the disputed territory of East Timor and the province of

The Red Cross has about five expatriates in East Timor, five in Jakarta and two on a semi-permanent basis in Aceh in Sumatra. Mr. Sommaruga said he had asked Foreign Minister Ali Alatas to be allowed to establish a permanent office in Aceh.

The western province has a centuries-old history of fighting central rule. Scores have been killed in the staunchly Muslim province during clashes over the last six weeks, demand more money and better con- ligious, political and social violence mostly between pro-separatist civil-

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Muslim Secessionist Is Willing To Meet Philippines President

MANILA — The Muslim secessionist leader Salamat Hashim is prepared to meet President Joseph Estrada to push peace talks forward in the southern Philippines, the chief rebel negotiator said Wednesday.

Ghadzali Jaafar, vice chairman for political affairs of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said rebel leaders held a top-level meeting Tuesday to discuss the proposed meeting between President Estrada and Mr. Hashim,

chairman of the Moro rebels.

Mr. Estrada is scheduled to visit Mindanao, the main southern Philippine island, from Feb. 25 to Feb. 28. A presidential spokesman, Jerry Barican, said Mr. Estrada is prepared to meet Mr. Hashim "provided the ground work has been set" and the agenda is clear.

(AP)

UN Concern Over India Attacks

NEW DELHI - A senior UN official said Wednesday that there was a serious reaction in India to recent attacks on the Christian minority, and she urged the authorities to

on the Consular minority, and she target the authorities to take strict action against those responsible.

Mary Robinson, UN high commissioner for human rights, said Indian officials had candidly spoken about the attacks against the Christian community.

Christians, who make up less than 3 percent of the predominantly Hindu nation, have faced a wave of attacks. since Christmas by alleged Hindu extremists in Gujarat in western India and Orissa in the east.

Dhaka Opposition Plans Strike

DHAKA, Bangladesh — An alliance of opposition parties will hold a 72-hour nationwide strike later this month to coincide with local municipal elections, an

opposition spokesman said Wednesday. The strike, to be led by former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, is part of a campaign to demand the dismissal of Bangladesh's chief election commissioner, Mohammad

The opposition accuses Mr. Hena of favoring Prime Minister Hasina Wazed's Awami League party in recent elections and says be would do the same in municipal elections Feb. 23-25. An opposition strike last week killed seven and injured at least 1,000. (AP)

Thais Seek Better Burma Ties

BANGKOK — Thailand indicated Wednesday that it wanted to improve its diplomatic ties with Burma's military government after a series of border incidents that strained relations.

Thailand's army chief, Surayuth Chulanont, said before leaving on a three-day official visit to Burma that his mission was to soothe relations.

Relations between Thailand and Burma have been tested in recent months, after a series of gun battles at sea along disputed border areas between the southern Thai province of Ranong and Burma's Victoria point. At least seven people have been killed in the incidents, involving armed Burmese vessels and ships, which have occurred sporadically since the middle of 1998. (Reuters)

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Truth Panel Rejects Amnesty Plea in Killing of Biko

By Suzanne Daley New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — Four former police officers who maintained that they had accidentally killed the anti-apartheid acopposition party, the Kadazan-based Parti Bersatu Sabah led by tivist Steve Biko when he became agitated and had to be restrained have been refused and had to be restrained have been refused amnesty by South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

In a lengthy ruling, the commission cited several reasons for its judgment, in-cluding the belief that the officers had lied about what happened to Mr. Biko, who died of severe head injuries after they interrogated him in 1977.

The commission said the applicants' version of Mr. Biko's death was "so im-

terests of the country's Muslims, who represent about 54 percent of the 22 million Malaysians.

The Sabah state government's term ends March 18 and an election should be held within 60 days after the term expires.

Analysts expect the assembly to be dissolved after the Lunar New

Terms of the country's Muslims, another former chief minister, Harmond the form in the san Raryat Sabah Bersekutt, led by version of Mr. Biko's death was "so improbable and contradictory that it has to be rejected as false."

Mr. Biko and a friend were arrested outside the small town of Grahamstown in August 1977 on their way to a political meeting in Cape Town. His death in customy that it has to be rejected as false."

"Moreover, none of the applicants has impressed us as a credible witness," the commission said. "They had clearly conspicult to conceal the truth of what led to the tragic death of Biko soon after the incident and have persisted in this attitude before us."

The amnesty hearings for the officers, which drew hundreds of spectators, appeared to provide some new details about motive for his actions.

the commission, which was created to help South Africa put its brutal past to rest without the expense and divisiveness of custody to cover up the fact that they had

criminal trials. vulnerable to criminal prosecution. But ing and handcuffed to a window grille for that seems unlikely. Legal experts say that nearly two days even though it was clear proving a charge of murder with intent to that he was no longer coherent. kill would be extremely difficult. And a

limitations has expired. Just how Mr. Biko was killed has been one of the apartheid-era's most enduring

Mr. Biko and a friend were arrested

The officers described how they lied about which day Mr. Biko was taken into not sought medical treatment for him. And In theory the ruling leaves the officers they told of how Mr. Biko was left, stand-

But the officers claimed that Mr. Biko lesser charge of manslanghter would not suffered his head injuries by accident after be possible because the 20-year statute of he lunged at them because they would not let him sit down. Some said Mr. Biko's head was slammed into a wall like a battering ram during the scuffle. One of the officers said Mr. Biko also hit his head on a table.

After the botched interrogation, Mr.

The ruling Tuesday night ended one of how the young founder of the Black Con-But none of the officers - Daniel Petrus neke, Rubin Marx and Harold Snyman (who has since died) — admitted to any crime, saying that they had acted to defend themselves or to restrain Mr. Biko. For that reason alone, the commission

said, it could not grant amnesty. Also if the act was an accident, it could hardly be associated with a political objective, the commission said. A separate application by a fifth police office who participated in the interrogation of Mr. Biko, Gideon Nieuwoudt, was re-

jected last month for similar reasons. In dismissing the police officers' versions of Mr. Biko's death, the commission said it appeared more probable that Mr. Biko was attacked because the officers were offended by his "arrogant, recal-

citrant and noncooperative attitude, particularly exemplified by his occupying a chair without their permission to do so." "This view is reinforced by the cruel and inhumane manner in which Biko was treated after he sustained the fatal injury,"

the commission said.

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Gore Leads Visit To South Africa CAPE TOWN — Vice President Al Gore led a high-level U.S. delegation

to South Africa on Wednesday, urging the country to focus on business development as much as it had on abolishing apartheid.

Mr. Gore made the appeal as he visited a factory in Cape Town that manufactures windup radios and flashlights, most of which are sold in

the United States. Mr. Gore and the South African deputy president, Thabo Mbeki, are to chair a meeting Thursday of the United States-South Africa Binational Commission, which will discuss cooperation on trade, justice, conservation, health and other issues.

Accompanying Mr. Gore are Attorney General Janet Reno, Commerce Secretary William Daley, In-terior Secretary Bruce Babbin, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Energy Secretary Bill Richard-son and other top officials. (AP)

Congo Rebels Fight For Diamond Center

KIGALI, Rwanda - Reinforced by fresh Rwandan troops, Congolese rebels have broken a months-old lull in fighting and are pressing toward a key southern diamond center, the rebels and Rwandan sources said Wednesday. to the Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, the ciety.

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rebel leader, said the fresh offensive had followed the failure of African

mediators to broker a cease-fire and

persuade Laurent Kabila, president of

the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to negotiate peace directly with the insurgents.

Mr. Kabila is insisting on Rwandan and Ugandan withdrawal from Congo. Rwandan sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said chartered Russian aircraft recently had airlifted thousands of Rwandan troops to southeastern Congo, where they were assisting the rebels in a three-front

of the capital, Kinshasa. Cuba Toughens Law On Major Crimes

offensive aimed at Mbuji-Mayi and its mines, 930 kilometers (580 miles) east

HAVANA - Cuba's National Assembly, heeding a call from President Fidel Castro to get tough on crime, has adopted legislation applying the death penalty and life imprisonment for

drug trafficking and other offenses.

The law, which modified 25 of the nearly 350 articles of Cuba's existing penal code, was approved Tuesday and gives legal teeth to an ongoing crackdown waged by Cuban police against criminals of all kinds.

This followed a speech by Mr. Castro last month in which he condemned rising crime, including drug trafficking, murder, rape, prostitution. and violent robberies, as a major threat to the security of Cuba's socialist so-

U.S. Customs Notes Risk of Corruption

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The front-line role of the Customs Service in the U.S. government's war against illegal drugs has left the agency highly vulnerable to narcotics-related corruption, customs officials have acknowledged in a report

The report, which was sent to a House

of Representatives panel with jurisdiction over the agency, admitted that the

service had failed to combat corruption

aggressively. In an atmosphere of neg-

lect, internal inquiries languished and were sometimes impeded because of infighting, the report said. The report is the service's most extensive and critical examination of the way it deals with narcotics-related corruption and other internal issues after years in which sporadic corruption cases have tarnished the image of an agency

with 12,000 field inspection employees.

The report concluded, "The large amounts of illegal drugs that pass through U.S. Customs' land, sea and air ports of entry and the enormous amount of money at the disposal of drug traffickers to corrupt law-enforcement personnel place customs and its employees at great risk to corruption."

Once focused on preventing the entry of illegal trade goods and farm products, the service has been thrust in recent years into broad responsibilities in interdicting narcotics at the 300 ports through which marijuana, cocaine, heroin and other illegal drugs can flow into the United States. The report was ordered by lawmakers, but customs officials said the agency had taken the initiative to review its approach to corruption issues.



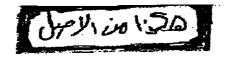
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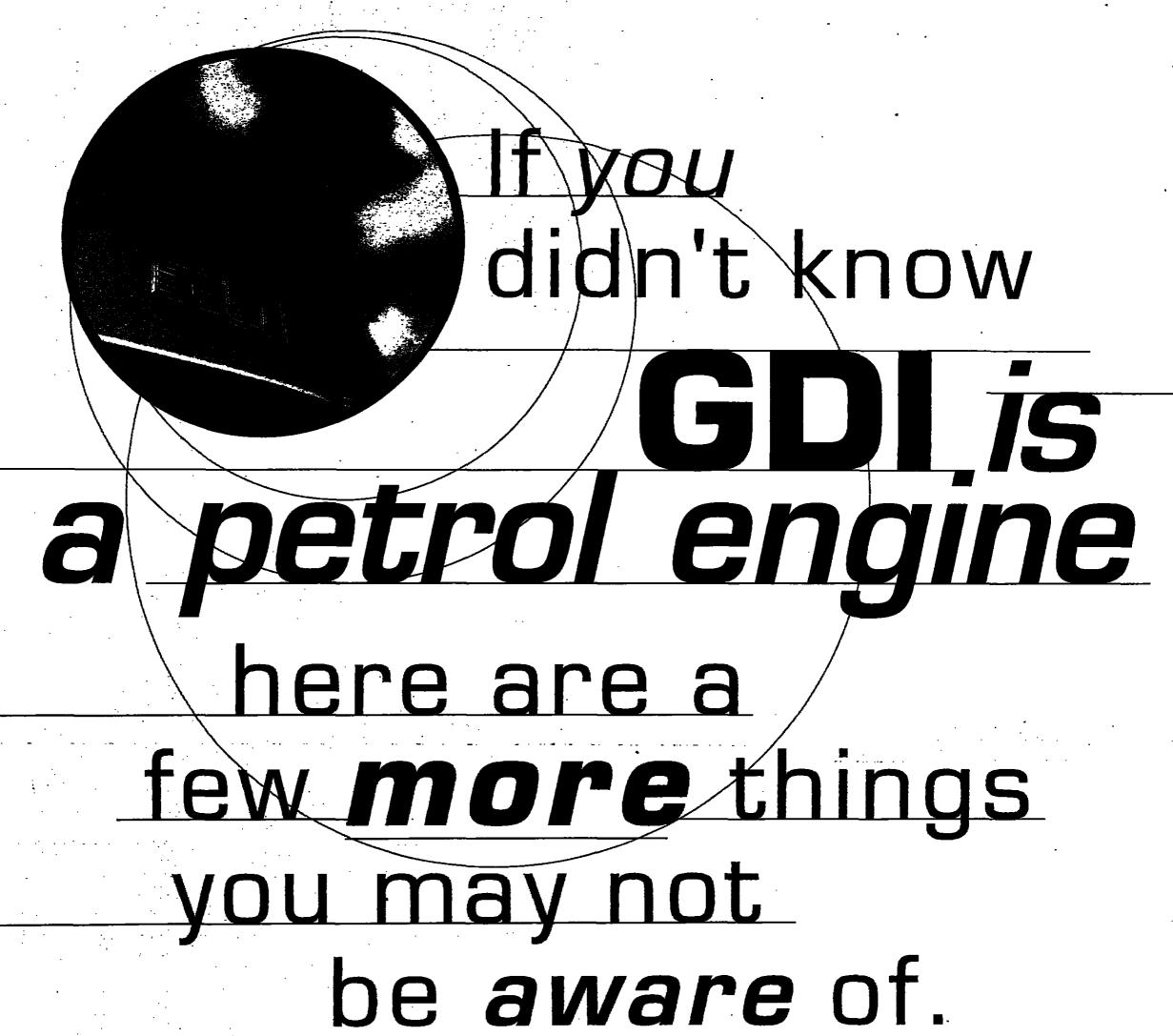
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Kurds Blame Mossad For Capture of Ocalan

Rebel Says Israel Helped Turkey Pursue Him, But Others Doubt It Would Risk a New Foe

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — When Abdullah Ocalan arrived in Moscow last autumn to use a satellite telephone to contact his scattered allies and aides, he said. Within

days he was forced to flee to Italy.
"I made a false step," the Kurdish guerrilla leader told the Russian newspaper Kommersant Daily in November. My conversations were monitored, not by the Turks but by the Mossad, who transferred this information to Tur-

It remains uncertain whether the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, was involved in eavesdropping on Mr. Ocalan in Moscow or his subsequent surveillance and capture this week in

Kenya.

Israeli officials deny it, and analysts specializing in intelligence matters said they doubted that Turkey needed Israeli help in the snatch operation against Mr. Ocalan or that the Mossad would be involved in an episode so far afield and so peripheral to the Jewish state's in-

Most noted that Israel had enough adversaries in the Middle East without adding the Kurds to the roster.

But the very fact that Mr. Ocalan and many Kurds believe in Israeli involvement provided the spark for the violence Wednesday at the Israeli Consulate in Berlin. Officials in the Jewish state are wheried it could inspire further attempts

U.S. Forces to Attack By April, Iraq Predicts

BAGHDAD — Iraq said Wednesday it expected a major new U.S. assault by April, following Washington's warn-ings of severe punishment if Baghdad carries out threats to attack Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

"The U.S. escalation started two days ago and will continue in coming weeks to prepare a new military strike against traq under UN cover, within 45 days at the most," said the newspaper Babel, which is run by President Saddam Hussein's son, Udai. "The intensification of enemy air raids in the north and south of Iraq was prepared in advance by the United States, which realized it can not change the regime, as they like to call it, without direct military action," it said.

Iraq has since Sunday threatened Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for letting U.S. and British jets use their air bases.

against Israeli interests at home and abroad. Mindful of the volatility of Kurdish nationalism, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other officials issued blanket denials that Israel had after fleeing Syria, his worst blunder was played any role in Mr. Ocalan's apprehension in Kenya.

They said the violence in Berlin was a question of self-defense for the Israeli consulate guards who opened fire.

The Israeli denials of involvement are unlikely to quell Kurdish suspicions that the Mossad played a part in the guerrilla leader's arrest

Israel and Turkey are partners in a deepening strategic alliance, forged in earnest three years ago and frightening to some of its neighbors.

Bound by common enemies — in particular Syria, Iraq and Iran — the two countries have turned a friendship of convenience into one of the more durable-looking alliances in a notoriously fractious region.

Israel offers the Turks high-grade weapon systems and technical knowforce pilots over Turkey's abundant air space. Trade between the two is soaring, and Israeli tourists are packing Turkish

As two non-Arab countries in the Middle East, each country has been happy to make an ally where it can find one. But, at least publicly, Israel has been careful not to get involved with the Kurdish separatist war in southeastern

"Intelligence cooperation goes nearly 40 years, back to the late '50s," said Yossi Melman, an Israeli journalist who has written widely about intelligence

"That's always played a pivotal role sulate."
even in the days when diplomatic relations were not very good. But on the other hand Israel doesn't want to open a new front," he said of the Kurds. " should Israel be involved with a party with we don't have any quarrel with?"

Broadcasting from Brussels on Wednesday, Kurdish television accused the Mossad, along with the CIA, of teaming up with Ankara to effect Mr. Ocalan's

"The incident in Berlin today is an example and result of this alliance founded on this dirty war," Mizgin Sen, a spokeswoman for the political wing of Mr. Ocalan's guerrillas, told the Bel-gium-based Kurdish Med-TV channel.

We violently protest this action."

She added, "It was known that the military agreement between Israel and Turkey was to be used against the Kurd-



how in return for training rights for its air Berlin fire-brigade officers carrying a wounded Kurdish protester away from the Israeli Consulate.

KURDS: Israeli Guards Kill 3 Trying to Storm Consulate in Berlin

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Avigdor Kahlani, the Israeli minister of Public Security, said there were three Israeli guards at the consulate and accused German authorities of exposing them through incompetence.

"Those who were supposed to do the work from Germany didn't do their job," he said. "The guards fired first in the air and then fired to hit in order to save themselves and defend the con-

A German police spokesman, Norbert Gunckel, said there were two German try," policemen outside the consulate at the time the protest began. He did not explain why protection was so light or ment from comment on the response of the two months ago.

In a wide area around the Israeli consulate, blood from the injuries of the wounded spattered the snow an hour after the shooting. Police had encircled two groups of shivering Kurds, numbering about 30 in all, and refused to let reporters speak to them on the grounds that they were "under arrest."

The consul, Miriam Shormat, was not in the building, but another Israeli woman was briefly held. "There was a clash and several shots were fired," Mr. Gunckel said, but declined to elaborate.

Witnesses said the Kurdish protesters had no gons. One witness, Lukas Bill- give us a lesson in the political naiveté of

inski, who was walking his dog in the area, said he heard nine shots inside the More than 400,000 Kards live in G consulate building, followed by five

more a little later. The violence Wednesday came at a time of intense debate in Germany over seemed certain to feed a growing uneasiness. Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democratic chancellor, said after the shooting that Kurds who did not respect

the law would be deported. "If those living here do not respect the law, they will have to leave the coun-Mr. Schroeder said in a statement reminiscent of the positions put forward by the Christian Democratic government from which he took over three

Several German cities, including Bonn, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Cologne, were hit by Kurdish protests on Tuesday. These incidents abated Wednesday, but about 15 Kurds broke into the offices of Germany's Social Democratic Party in Hamburg, taking a staff member bostage. A mosque and a Turkish restaurant in Hamburg were also attacked.

"No constitutional state can just wait and watch a civil war being implanted into its midst by a foreign minority," declared an editorial in the conservative newspaper Die Welt.

"This experience comes in time to

More than 400,000 Knrds live in Ger-

many and more than 2 million Turks, by far the largest such populations in Europe. Mr. Schroeder has proposed new legislation that would make it easier the large number of foreigners here, and for them and other foreigners to become

Elsewhere in Europe, most of the protests against more than 20 Greek and Kenyan missions ended. But in London, Kurds inside the Greek Embassy said they were on hunger strike and would set themselves on fire if police stormed the

In Switzerland, about 60 protesters continued to hold a policeman at the Greek Consulate in Zurich and the Greek Embassy in Bern was also occupied. In Sydney and Melbourne, demonstrators and police clashed and 65 Kurds were

About 20 Kurds Wednesday forced their way into the Geneva headquarters of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and left about three hours later after a UNHCR spokesman read a statement saying that the United Nations should send a mission to examine the plight of the Kurds.

Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish prime minister, said Wednesday that Mr. Ocalan, who was being held in a prison on Imraili Island in the Sea of Marmara, would be given a fair trial.

TURKEY: Trial Debate Rages

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instice system, but they have no right to have any doubts about it. Also, the Turkish justice system has certain rules about who can defend."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ser-met Atacanli, later said Turkey would not allow foreign governments or or-ganizations to send observers to Mr. Ocalan's trial. "It is not possible for us to accept actions from outside Turkey which might be an intervention in the Turkish judicial process," Mr. Atacanli said. "Thus we could not accept such things as observers.

Mr. Atacanli said the trial would be open to the public, but "if people who give themselves legal titles such as observers or lawyers come to Turkey to behave like an inspector, they will not be allowed to do that."

The chief of Mr. Ocalan's legal team, Britte Bochler, a German national who is based in the Netherlands, said after her failed attempt to enter Turkey that she feared Mr. Ocalan was being tortured. "We are telling Turkey we are on this case and we intend to stay on it," Ms. Boehler told reporters in Amsterdam. Turkish newspapers published Wednesday new details about the commando

operation that resulted in Mr. Ocalan's capture. But many were contradictory.
Some reported that Greek Embassy officials in Kenya knew they were sending Mr. Ocalan into a trap when they let him be taken to the airport in Nairobi. Others claimed that Kenyans had par-ticipated. Many said the Central Intelligence Agency had provided the first tip that Mr. Ocalan was in Kenya, and several said Israeli secret services had

provided advice or other help.
"In the interest of not disturbing those parties who took part in this operation," Mr. Ecevit told one interviewer, "I will use a local expression and say, 'Let as eat the grape and not ask where it came

Turkish television stations broadcast a video showing some aspects of the operation. In it, Mr. Ocalan is seen being led onto a small plane, handcuffed and blindfolded. After being handcuffed to a seat, his blindfold was removed, revealing his sweat-drenched face.

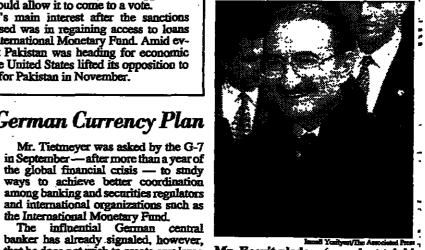
In what seemed to be a bizarre comment from a figure who has portrayed himself as a fearless revolutionary, Mr. Ocalan is heard to tell his captors: "If the truth needs to be told, I love Turkey and the Turkish nation, and I want to serve it. If I have the chance, I would be pleased to serve. Let there be no torture or anything. I would be happy to serve." Later Mr. Ocalan was shown being led to a bed, unsteady and apparently drowsy.

■ Turkish Troops Move Into Iraq

Turkish troops have crossed into northern Iraq for a military operation against the Kurdish Workers Party, the Turkish NTV news channel reported Wednesday, Agence France-Presse re-ported from Ankara. The operation was launched Tuesday.

NTV said helicopters were providing air cover for the ground troops who moved into Iraqi territory from the town lian province of Hakkari that is on Tur-

key's border with both Iraq and Iran. The United States gave tacit support to the incursion. "We support the right. of the Turkish government to defend itself against terrorists," said the State Department spokesman, James Foley.



Mr. Ecevit pledges 'very just trial'

U.S. to Allow IMF Loan to India, and Clinton Discusses Visit The Associated Press sibility of visits to the two countries later this trip to the Subcontinent. He was supposed to have countries said two weeks ago, after Mr. Talbott's gone in 1998 but the nuclear testing in May, first most recent visit, that there was movement toward by India and later by Pakistan, prompted a post-

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and capital flows. On Wednesday, Mr.

Chirac called for a "substantial strength-

ening" of cooperation among the United

States, European Union and Japan to

improve exchange-rate stability.
On Thursday, a day before his White House meeting, Mr. Chirac will visit the headquarters of the International Mon-

etary Fund for talks with the IMF's

managing director, Michel Camdessus.

to signal a clash between the Un

WASHINGTON - Responding to recent non- year. proliferation gestures by India, the Clinton adpower project in central India, an administration official said Wednesday.

The step represents an easing of the sanctions that were imposed in May after India conducted a series of nuclear tests. The official also said that President Bill Clinton

had been in contact in recent days with Prime senior Indian and Pakistani leaders. Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan on the pos- terest in covering the same ground if he made the

ministration plans to open the way for World have to have a "high degree of confidence" that ponement. It was not clear from the official's Bank approval of a \$150 million loan request for a the nuclear disagreements that have troubled U.S. remarks how much progress would have to be United States has blocked approval of the Indian dition of anonymity.

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sent her a letter in October asking her to

disregard the Lewinsky affidavit as

prehensive Test Ban Treaty — a key U.S. goal while it is under sanctions. But officials from both IMF loans for Pakistan in November.

India has said that it will not sign the Com-

Pakistan's main interest after the sanctions were imposed was in regaining access to loans from the International Monetary Fund. Amid evidence that Pakistan was heading for economic disaster, the United States lifted its opposition to

Using its influence in the World Bank, the

request for the power-project loan. The official said the United States did not plan to support the

loan but would allow it to come to a vote.

and international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund. The influential German central banker has already signaled, however, that he does not wish to create any large

structures but merely a consultative group with a small secretariat. "My proposal will be organization-al," Mr. Tietmeyer said in a recent interview with the International Herald Tribune, "and will look at how we can bring together the IMF, the World Bank, plus national bank, insurance and se-

curities market supervisors." "The idea," he said, "is to bring these people together in regular meetings for an exchange of views and in an effort to come to common conclusions. I am not talking about crisis management but about how to ensure the smooth meet periodically in an attempt to fore-functioning of the system, of markets."

Mr. Tietmeyer is also expected to tell his G-7 colleagues that the new forum should meet only a couple of times a year and should aim to identify vulnerabilities in the global financial system while working to encourage sound practices in financial markets.

■ U.S. to Push for Growth

Mr. Rubin said he would tell his counterparts from Europe and Japan this weekend they must do more to bolster domestic growth or endanger the chances of a recovery from the worldwide global slowdown, Bloomberg News reported from Washington.

The international system cannot sustain indefinitely the large currentaccount imbalances created by the disparities in growth and openness between the U.S. and its major trading pertners," Mr. Rubin said. But the secretary offered no specific

prescriptions.

"They're the best judges of how to accomplish the kind of growth they want that would be good for the rest of the world," Mr. Rubin said.

Standards May Alter For Army Recruits

WASHINGTON - Army Secretary Louis Caldera says the Defense Department should allow the U.S. Army to recruit more high school dropouts with equivalency diplomas to help make up a projected shortfall of as many as 10,000

ed five years ago, reflects growing alarm within the army, navy and air force that they are failing to attract enough recruits from the new generation of young adults and that the shortage will get worse if the trend

have "put us in a box that really hurts. Every day we turn away

the army is facing the worst peacetime recruiting shortfall in its history. Only the Marines have attracted enough recruits in recent years.

"The army is an institution that

SENATE: First Lady Is Warned

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a number of concerns before she enters the race.

The most important concern, they say, is that she and President Bill Clinton are already in serious debt and face what one adviser estimated to be more than \$3 million in legal bills. Senators make \$136,700 a year, and conflict-of-interest rules constrain their ability to earn outside income.

After the Clintons leave the White House, many Democrats view Mrs. Clinton as the more marketable of the two through the lecture circuit and a multimillion-dollar book contract should she write her memoirs.

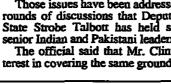
But one longtime friend of Mrs. Clinton said it was unfair that the first lady, who has been the primary breadwinner through most of the Clintons' marriage, should be expected to continue in that role after her husband leaves office.

Mrs. Clinton's advisers are also telling her that she will face personal attacks on her role in the Whitewater and Travelgate scandals and her failure on health care reform. Friends say she has little experience in dealing with the press on her own, and that her relationship with

reporters is often skittish and tense. Numerous Democrats noted that the missed case. Mrs. Jones has since New York press corps is particularly

combative. No matter how popular she is now, Mrs. Clinton's advisers said, she would be making a mistake if she is tempted to conduct a Rose Garden strategy and stick contempt issue." close to the White House, New Yorkers would expect her to spend large amounts of time campaigning in the state, even though they were relieved at least that without a serious primary opponent. (Under New York law, a candidate for U.S. Senate does not have to establish residency in the state until Election Day

- November 2000 in this case.) "New Yorkers are going to give her a lot of latitude if she decides to run," said one adviser. "They won't count it against her if she's an out-of-stater. But she can't run in absentia."



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dropped her appeal in exchange for an

\$850,000 settlement from Mr. Clinton.

way, Judge Wright said, "I believe that

now it is time for the court to address the

that was a dispiriting development, al-

she waited until after the Senate trial,

when a contempt finding could have

been far more devastating. Compared

with the war they just won, they viewed

a contempt dispute now as a far less grave threat. The White House referred

calls to Mr. Clinton's private attorney,

Robert Bennett, who had no comment.

While maintaining that Mr. Clinton's

For the president's weary defenders.

With those matters now out of the

Before scheduling visits, Mr. Clinton would relations with both countries would not dominate made on nuclear issues before Mr. Clinton would the visits, said the official, who spoke on con-

rounds of discussions that Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott has held separately with

agree to make the visits. The United States has agreed to adjust its Those issues have been addressed during eight sanctions policy toward both India and Pakistan on the basis of progress in the nonproliferation

negotiations.

G-7: Rubin Says Group Will See Clash Over German Currency Plan setting currency target zones — under which governments and central banks

and would be an invitation to specu-Two European finance ministers -Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy and Gerrit Zalm of the Netherlands — also criticized the notion of target zones. 'It would be an error to set specific targets for currencies," Mr. Ciampi said, adding that such

would intervene to keep exchange rates

within an agreed band - was dangerous

measures in the past "have always been counterproductive." and James Wolfensohn, president of the Among other key officials who have Although Mr. Rubin's remarks appear rejected the currency target proposal are the ECB president, Wim Duisenberg, and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board

States on one side and Europe and Japan on the other, there are differences within the European Union as well. chairman, Alan Greenspan. A senior European Central Bank of-Separately, at the G-7 meeting Satficial and two European finance minurday, Hans Tiermeyer, the Bundesbank isters also rejected German proposals Wednesday for the G-7 to manage the president, is expected to present his pro-posal to create a so-called Financial Stability Forum, through which senior-level international financial regulators would exchange rates of the euro, the dollar and

Hillary Rodham Clinton refusing the yen. Tuesday at the White House to Otmar Issing, an executive board meet periodically in answer questions on a Senate run. member of the ECB, said the idea of stall potential crises.

CLINTON: Judge to Look at President and the 'Contempt Issue' true, his own lawyers have acknowledged that it was deliberately misleading

form' between her and the president.

Judge Wright said she did not believ

day to decide whether to make such a

to, and she gave the president until Fri-

Still, Judge Wright gave the Clinton team something of an escape hatch. She sas, one of the House prosecutors, about ton will be published March 5, the day said she refused to do. Instead, one of her clerks filed an affidavit stating that Mr.

Judge Wright said she did not believe she had to recuse herself from the contempt issue as a result of this but suggested she would if Mr. Clinton asks her

request. If she steps aside, the matter would be assigned to another judge. ■ Lewinsky Book Due March 5

disclosed to the lawyers that she was contacted last month by Representative Asa Hutchinson, Republican of Arkan-ry of her affair with President Bill Clin-

testifying in the Senate trial, which she after her first television interviews, Agence France-Presse reported from London A spokeswoman for Lon-Clinton was looking at Mr. Bennett don-based Michael O'Mara Books said when the lawyer said Ms. Lewinsky's Ms. Lewinsky would follow publication affidavit meant "there was absolutely no of the book with an extensive publicity testimony in the Jones case was literally sex of any kind in any manner, shape or tour in America and Europe.

soldiers this year. Mr. Caldera's idea, which would require a change in standards adopt-

18 not reversed 'Frankly, right now we have rules that don't make sense.' Mr. Caldera said Tuesday. The rules

people who want to join." Like the air force and the navy,

should not write off young people in America who need a second chance," Mr. Caldera said. "The military should not be the one that slams the door of opportunity in

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Ethnic Albanian children, refugees from Kosovo warfare, getting some sun Wednesday at a Sarajevo shelter.

Kosovo Accord: It's Up to Belgrade

By Charles Trueheart Wastington Post Service

endgame of the Kosovo negotiations is all force — half of them U.S. Marines — force. being played far from the chateau here, are ready to move into Kosovo within where Belgride representatives and eth- hours of a signing, according to a top- NATO peacekeepers in monitoring the nic Albaniais from Kosovo have been level NATO decision made in Brussels negotiating, with the aid of international mediators, since Feb. 7.

The final part of the game is being played where many who felt skepticism about the Hambouillet negotiations expected it would be: in Belgrade, where President Slobodan Milosevic is giving no hint that he will surrender to pressure and sign an agreement with the proindependence ethnic Albanians that would allow foreign peacekeepers. The chef U.S. negotiator for Kosovo,

Christopier Hill, traveled to Belgrade on Tnesdayinight to present to Mr. Milatest warning to sign a peace deal or

But President Milosevic refused to heed the warning, saying in a statement sisting what the mediators would like by a member of the rebel delegation in released by the official Tanjug news immediately — agreement to the draft Rambouillet. "We're unified here, but if presence of foreign troops is not only the attitude of the leadership but also of all crizens of our country.

As the negotiating deadline - Saturday at roon — ticks closer, Mr. Hill sibility for its unraveling on Mr. Mi-flew back to France after the meeting losevic and, if need be, serve as jus-urday deadline — or in some suddenwith Mr. Milosevic, during which he heard the serb, who is president of the remnants of Yugoslavia, reiterate his opposition o foreign peacekeepers.

Mr. Milpsevic wants neither the NATO-led military presence, which has from the start been part of the international plan to settle the Kosovo crisis, nor the significant autonomy that the Kosovars have been promised if they

will quit their armed struggle.
It's now Mr. Milosevic's hand to play,
Western diplomats agree. If he doesn't

By Suzy Mentes

EW YORK — What are the clothes that desine a modem woman for the year 2000? The apron, the workshirt and overalls — but made in succident materials.

Unilizarian elegance is the story at the New York fall-winter shows, where humdrum things designed for a humble purpose have been given an upscale spin. Among the lowly objects made lofty is the bed blanker, morphed into a cape or wrap, and the agron, from se-

cape or wrap, and the airon, from sequined jumper dress through tie-back skirts.

"It's elegance — but if another con-text," said Helmut Lang, who invented utility chic and filled his antumn show

with motocross pants in supple silver

leather, silk canvas fresses with shoulder holsters and overalls in organ-za. They were worn by models with pretty makeup, tidy hair, ligh heels and,

as an ironic take on comme, a single elbow-length glove or a pladed neck rest (as worn for air travel) forming a portrait

Lang's urban, aggressive protective gear as emblems of coolis not so new. In

the show he held in his modernist SoHo store, there were familiar elbow and

knee pads, jackets slung from backpack

look forward, keeping the black that

most designers are throwing out but

playing subtly with abric textures and

introducing color as a splash of burnt orange or chalky white shearling. Lang's

futuristic sportswear for womanly war-

Marc Jacobs prives that reticence means elegance in modern fashion. His

tidy tailoring with felted jackets fastened

with big buttons, a coat with dainty

flower-patterned hing and skirts with

corrugated tucks ill showed delicate

contine touches - but applied to res-

olutely unfossy clones.

There is still a whit of the flea market

in Jacobs's knee-high 1970s boots meet-

ing mid hemlines, sants cropped culotte-

riors takes fashion fast forward.

The designer's skil is in nudging his

straps and bikers' wast packs.

NEW YORK FASHION

NATO could start air strikes. If he relents, 6,000 troops in advance

on Wednesday. To the Kosovar Albanians here, the

predictable. They feel slighted, taken for piration of the three-year interim agreegranted by the international community in their drive to bend Mr. Milosevic to their will. And they've tion is considered remote.

nesday - notably their insistence on lion. language opening the way to a referendum on Kosovo independence at the end of a three-year interim period, and estimated 10,000 ethnic Albanian guerrillas in the Kosovo Liberation Army.

That, they say, is why they are reethnic Albanians of the 60-page accord we may change our minds." scripped by the six-nation Contact Group tification for NATO bombing. Sources close to the Albanian del-

egation said here Wednesday that the Kosovars were being promised accommodations in the way the agreement would be implemented if they would sign the document now.

But when the time comes, a member of the delegation speculated darkly: "They'll say, 'Don't talk to us about implementation — what's important is you have peace."

Sources said the Kosovar delegation said at a news conference.

Utility Chic: When the Lowly Goes Lofty

Helmut Lang's workman's overalls

item was a blend of American sports-

wear with European chic and the show

looked fresh, young and uptown.

An ode to the bed — with satin-edged skirts, complete with blanket stitching

in a double layer of organza.

length and striped sweaters in heafther-colored cashmers. But each well-crafted Hussein Chalayan's fashion take for Tse yesterday's tread.

change his mind before Saturday, wanted a provision in the agreement to create the core of a "national guard" or "self-defense force" made up of rebels RAMBOULLET, France — The elements of a 30,000-troop multination- now serving in the KLA guerrilla

> Such an organized corps would assist actions of people who might otherwise remain armed and at large, the Kosovars argue, and establish the basis for an closing drift of the talks may have been indigenous Kosovo defense after the ex-

> > Any Serbian agreement to such a no-

NEWS still got questions about Meanwhile, Kosovars were talking the deal, their partisans and advisers said Wed- guerrilla army in the province of 2 mil-Meanwhile, Kosovars were talking

"I don't believe in Western diplomacy," a KLA spokesman, Lirak Celaj, said to Agence France-Presse. 'Nobody losevic he international community's also their reluctance to fully disarm the from the KLA is going to take their hands off their weapons until we liberate Kosovo.

That blunt talk in Kosovo was echoed agency: "Our negative stand on the settlement as a way of increasing pres- we go back to Pristina and there's any sure for the deadline. Acceptance by the letup in Western pressure on Milosevic,

The "big worry" of the ethnic Aldeath prolongation of the negotiation to follow — mediators "shopping a deal" with Mr. Milosevic will seek to extract further concessions from the Kosovars to rescue the settlement.

Such objections, along with Mr. Milosevic's hard stand, have contributed to gloom surrounding the talks. "According to the attitude of Mi-

losevic regime that we know very well, I don't think there will be any agree-ment." a KLA officer, Jashar Salihu,

Cashmere. Around a virtual reality fire-

place glowing on a cuboid screen, marched models in cozy cable sweaters, felted dresses patterned with wood-knot marks and double jackets with asym-

The bedroom theme might have suggested sexy clothes. But Chalayan's modern sensibility made his cashmere-clad models, with their hair wrapped like helmets under the chin, seem graceful and sensual in a modern way.

Now that a new generation has re-invented utilitarian glamour, traditional

designers are moving to the same beat Oscar de la Renta opened his low-key

but elegant show with a skirt and cardigan, both embroidered with crewel-

work. Everything from satin parka through khaki cashmere sweater with silk faille skirt then followed the same

dressed-down look — give or take the finale "Shakespeare in Love" gown with fur trim and Tudor neckline.

about casual luxury --- say a pair of pants

and a zippered top. So the jacket was made of sheared mink? Well, how is a

girl supposed to keep warm on winter nights? The ultra-sophisticated dressed-

down look worked well, because Her-

rera has parlayed her fashion femininity

into tactile fabrics, from alpaca to double-faced cashmere, while keeping

Richard Tyler's glamourpuss look

was about familiar styles softened with

special fabrics: a dress in featherlight

pashmina, a classic blazer in alpaca, a

vest in felted cashmere and tweed coat twinkling with stamped on sequins. Shown as a tableau of models with

gleaming hair and lip gloss, the clothes seemed more for the West Coast (Tyler's

base) than for dressing down New York-

So sex is out of fashion? Not for

Vivienne Westwood. The British de-

signer showed pert, pouting models in

shapely plaid suits and curvy dresses,

flung about with Peruvian blanket

shawls, matching socks and blue

makeup. There may still be a market out

there for cheeky miniskirts and hug-me-

tight sweater dresses. But they look like

the silbonette sleek and simple.

Carolina Herrera's look was also

metric collars.

Tough Paris Sentence for Genital Cutting

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service

PARIS --- A Paris court has sentenced an African woman to eight years in prison for cutting the genitals of 48 young girls between the ages of 1 month and 10 years. The jury also gave 27 parents suspended sentences ranging from three to five years.

The trial, which was widely followed by the press and human rights and women's groups, was the largest of its kind in France, which began to prosecute socalled female genital cutting in 1991.

Lawyers said the unexpectedly tough sentence was a new and clear warning to France's large African immigrant population that their painful tradition will not be tolerated here because it violates the law against the mutilation of a

migrants who practice it has grown, al- Paris judge four years ago to denounce though France is the first country to take Hawa Greou, who she said had cut her them to court.

In this and previous trials, French prosecutors have described the custom tries - as a barbaric habit that aims to control women by reducing or preventing their sexual pleasure.

The practice involves cutting off all or part of a young girl's clitoris and labia \$30 to \$80. and sometimes stitching her vagina closed until marriage.

Doctors testified in court that the pro-

cedure often causes infections and painful scars and may lead to lifelong health complications.

Tuesday has drawn much public atten- grew up.

The ritual cutting of young girls has become an issue throughout Western young Parisian law student from a Mali-Europe as the number of African imfamily. Mariatou Koita, 23, went to a and her sisters when they were chil-

Ms. Greou, 53, who is also from Mali, - widespread in many Muslim coun- acknowledged the genital cutting and apologized at the beginning of the trial, saying she had intended to perform a service, not to do harm.

For her work she charged fees from

The parents of the 48 children cut by Miss Greon were tried as accomplices. Most were from Gambia, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal.

Some of them testified that they had had their daughters cut to make sure that The case on which the court ruled they would get a husband when they

BRIEFLY

Romania Seizes Miners' Leader

STOENESTI, Romania — The rebellious leader of Romania's coal miners was arrested Wednesday after clashes between paramilitary police units and miners that left one miner dead and dozens injured. More than 500 arrests were reported.

The arrest of Miron Cozma came as he and about 2,000 miners headed toward Bucharest, the capital, to protest an 18-year prison sentence handed down against him this week

for his role in a deadly 1991 miners' protest. President Emil Constantinescu thanked the riot police for stopping the miners from reaching Bucharest and "de-

fending a state where the law is respected." Mr. Cozma, who has led several miners' uprisings in the

past decade, was taken by helicopter to the capital. Interior Minister Dudn Ionescu said he did not expect further unrest from the miners in the near future.

The miners' latest uprising started after Mr. Cozma was sentenced in absentia by the Supreme Court on Monday for leading a 1991 march on Bucharest. He and the miners said the sentence, increased from the 18 months he had already served, was politically orchestrated. They headed for the capital in 40 buses Tuesday from western Romania. (AP)

Warsaw Takes Step Toward NATO

WARSAW - The Polish lower house of Parliament, the Sejm, ratified documents Wednesday for joining NATO, one of the last formal steps for the former Warsaw Pact member to enter the Western alliance. The entire Sejin, with President Aleksander Kwasniewski

present as an observer, stood and applanded after voting, 409 to 7, with 4 abstentions, to approve ratification.

The Senate was to vote later on the so-called accession documents, which will be signed by Mr. Kwasniewski next week and then submitted to U.S. officials at a joint cer-emony with two other NATO newcomers — the Czech Republic and Hungary — on March 12.

"Integration with NATO means integration with West-

em civilization," said Czeslaw Bielecki, chief of the Seim International Affairs Committee, during debate. "The se-

curity of our country will be improved, and Poland's role in Europe and the world will expand.

Tashkent on Alert After Bombs

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Soldiers were guarding key buildings here Wednesday in the wake of bomb explo-

The Ministry of Emergencies said the death toll from the Tuesday explosions had reached 15.

More than 130 people were reported wounded.

President Islam Karimov said the explosions were an

attempt to assassinate him. A special task force composed of Interior, Security and Defense Ministry officials was set up to try to determine

who was responsible for the bombings, an Interior Ministry Some government buildings in the city center were badly damaged and the central Independence Square was cor-

doned off by police. Witnesses said the police had set up barriers at entrances to the capital and were checking documents. (Reuters)

Gibraltar Rift Stalls EU Project

BRUSSELS - A European Union directive on air security has been scuttled by a dispute between Britain and Spain over the status of Gibraltar, according to European The directive, already agreed upon in principle last year,

and later amended, needed a unanimous vote by the 15 EU member countries for final adoption.

But Spain has invoked an "exception clause" to prevent Britain from applying the agreement to its colony of Gibraltar, whose sovereignty Madrid contests.

The move is unprecedented in EU history, with Britain arguing that the exception clause does not apply to security

The directive envisages common procedures for the control of third-country planes landing in member countries, with the possibility of inspections on the ground for planes that are clearly badly maintained.

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Turkey and the Kurds

Time for Good Sense

The deadly guerrilla war between Turkey and Kurdish separatists seemed a lot less distant to many Europeans on Tuesday as Kurdish immigrants, enraged by Turkey's abduction of a violent Kurdish rebel leader, stormed Greek and Kenyan diplomatic posts in nearly a score of European cities. They believed, probably mistakenly, that Greece and Kenya had cooperated with Turkish commandos who seized Abdullah Ocalan in Nairobi. The unruly demonstrations, which seemed to be coordinated, were an unpardonable attack against civil order across the continent.

For the past 14 years, from the safety of exile, Mr. Ocalan has directed a brutal armed campaign for Kurdish separatism in eastern Turkey. His guerrilla fighters are allegedly responsible for 30,000 deaths, including those of many civilians. In response to this uprising. Turkey has intensified its own repression and violence against its 8 to 10 million Kurdish citizens, sending its army against defenseless Kurdish villages and creating hundreds of thousands of refugees. Those who dared to defend Kurdish causes in print in Turkey, or questioned the army's brutality, were subjected to long im-

Mr. Ocalan's capture and trial

Kurdish language and culture. Both sides now need to behave more

constructively and responsibly. Turkey must explain more fully the circumstances of Mr. Ocalan's abduction and assure that his detention and trial meet international standards of fairness. Ankara has not always met such standards in the past. Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, a lifelong human rights advocate, now has an opportunity to put his beliefs into practice.

Turkey should also use the occasion of Mr. Ocalan's arrest to rein in its counterinsurgency campaign in Kurdish areas and move toward a conciliatory and peaceful solution of the long conflict. Kurds, including Mr. Ocalan's followers in Europe, must do their part

$oldsymbol{A}$ Forum for Ocalan?

The Kurds, a large homeless ethnic population spread between the Mediierranean and Caspian seas, have again forced their cause on the awareness, if not yet the agenda, of the world. They did so at heavy cost, by losing their leader, Abdullah Ocalan, to a Turkish pounce in Kenya. The Turkish government, obliged to the military, pronounced a great victory over "terrorism." Kurdish sympathizers of the fugitive, blaming Greece for allowing him to be captured, seized Greek

premises across Europe. Turkey's first major act as a new republic in 1923 was to crush Kurdish as well as Islamic claims. Many Turks now see capture of the figure they blame for a 14-year separatist struggle. as a sequel. In that struggle the rebels have committed vast cruelties against assimilated and conservative Kurds loyal to the government. The army, with superior resources, may have been responsible for many more cruelties. No sign of a political easing is apparent.

There lies the somber choice facing Turkey. It can submit Abdullah Ocalan to an accused traitor's likely security-code trial, rather than a civilian trial.

should be used to help diminish this terrible conflict, not inflame it. Turkev's treatment of its Kurdish minority has undercut its democracy and damaged its international standing. Kurdish violence and terror, including the violence of Ocalan supporters now living in Europe, have provided excuses for Turkey's actions. Kurdish terrorism has obscured the legitimate grievances suffered by millions of nonviolent Kurds who have suffered systematic discrimination and been subjected to Turkish attempts to suppress

turning decisively away from vi-ence, both in Turkey and abroad. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The process might mock Western justice but would show the government wreaking stern vengeance. Or it can seize this moment to seek another way than toughness and repression to deal with a cancer that nearly 80 years of treatment in the mode of Kernal Ataturk has failed to reduce.

As usual in regard to Turkey, Washington is conflicted. It nervously advises Ankara to expand human rights and democracy and to not pursue a military solution. At the same time it recruits Turks to support American strategic purposes; the latest is use of a Turkish air base to provide air cover over northern Iraq to protect Iraq's luckier Kurds from Saddam Hussein. Washington was "pleased" by Mr. Ocalan's capture.

If Turkey decides to hold something more credible than a show trial, Mr. Ocalan will have his own obligations. He will have a global forum and an occasion to take part in a broad public negotiation. Its purpose would be, if he chose, to show, especially to Turks, that his Kurdish followers are not just killers and that they can contribute to a better life for all the people of their region. In short, less defiance, more vision.

THE WASHINGTON POST

Caution on Cambodia

After Hun Sen seized power in a 1997 coup d'état, the United States and other wealthy nations cut off most aid to Cambodia. But then Hun Sen staged elections and formed a new governing coalition with his political enemies. So now it must be time to resume aid,

right? Not so fast. Cambodia is an example of a nation that, in large part to satisfy rich donor countries, follows the forms of democracy without infusing them with much substance. Those efforts merit some appreciation, since democratic form often promotes democratic substance even despite the best efforts of an authoritarian leader such as Hun Sen. But no one should go overboard with enthusiasm; the goal is real change, not face-saving decorations.

And evidence suggests that real change has been minimal. Khmer Reuge was criminals, including two leaders who surfaced in December, have not been brought to justice for the genocide of 1975-1979. Nor has anyone been held accountable for the 100 or more political killings of Hun Sen's enemies that followed his 1997 coup: nor for the two dozen political killings during the two months leading up to the 1998 elections; nor for the three dozen killings and disappearances that took place during the government's crackdown against political protests last August and September. No one has been called to account for the killing of a human rights worker last December; on the contrary, Hun Sen's regime continues to harass, jail and otherwise intimidate human rights workers, jour-

nalists and opposition leaders. Cambodia is one of the world's

poorest countries, and the World Bank and its member countries would be right to offer humanitarian assistance. They should support nongovernmental organizations, as well as efforts to remove explosive mines from the coun-

tryside after decades of war. But Cambodia is also one of the world's most corrupt countries. Warlords allied to the government are selling off Cambodia's timber at a rate that will lead to the nation's desertification and permanent impoverishment. The regime devotes 40 percent of its budget to the armed forces and only 2 percent to public health, according to opposition leader Sam Rainsy. Resuming aid to a government with such priorities does not make much sense. Any assistance should be explicitly conditioned on concrete progress in substance, not form.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment National Missile Defense?

The Clinton administration is on a slippery slope toward deploying a ballistic missile defense system that almost surely would violate the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The president must explain the strategic rationale for turning away from a generation of arms control policy. A "thin" missile defense may be the best way to deter smaller countries that develop longrange missiles, while maintaining nuclear deterrence with Russia. That is far from clear, however.

- Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., writing in The Washington Post.

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Back to American Democracy and Its Problems

WASHINGTON — With impeachment finally finished, the focus shifts to the broader question of the condition of American democracy. Two studies released last week say the condition is bad. It may well get worse.

The nonpartisan Center on Policy Attitudes reported that a January survey of a cross section of Americans found that "a strong majority" believes that most of the decisions the government makes are not those they would make themselves, and "an over-whelming majority believes that the government is not being run for the benefit of the public as a whole."

A separate survey, conducted by a pair of Republican and Democratic pollsters for the National Association of Secretaries of State, found even more widespread cynicism among young people, nearly two-thirds of whom agreed with the statement that 'Government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, not for the benefit of all."

These trends predate the Clinton scandals and the year of bitter controversy about the efforts of the inBy David S. Broder

dependent counsel's office and congressional Republicans to investigate the president's conduct and punish him.

There is no doubt that Bill Clinton's actions and the partisanship that marred the reaction to them further damaged citizens' already fragile faith in their system of representative government. The young people are not selfish.

Many of them do volunteer work in their communities. But their concept of citizenship does not embrace civic responsibilities such as voting. The gap etween older and younger people in voting is not new, but it is growing. As recently as 1972, half of those aged from 18 to 24 voted; in 1996, only 32 percent did. The turnout of young people dropped by 18 points, while that of older voters fell only half as much.

Kids Voting, a private nonprofit organization headquartered in Arizona, arranged for almost a million youngsters to participate in mock elections at official polling places across the country last year. Before they voted, they surprisingly, their enthusiasm appears to have stimulated higher turnout among adults in their communities.

But they are the exceptions. In the survey of young people taken by Re-publican Ed Goeas and Democrat Celinda Lake, only a quarter of the respondents could answer correctly all three of such basic questions as the name of the vice president, the name of their governor and the length of a House member's term.

This speaks to a woeful failure of civic education by schools, by the press and, most of all perhaps, by parents. Nonvoting is a learned behavior. Turnout rates among young people are cut in half when the parents do not vote regularly themselves or talk politics with their families. "America is in danger of developing a permanent non-voting class," the study says.

Young people mirror their parents' cynicism about government. Steven Kull, director of the Center on Policy Attitudes, said that when the people he surveyed were asked what percentage of the time Congress makes the de-

studied the candidates and issues. Not cisions that the majority of Americans would make, only 18 percent of the respondents picked a number above 50. "In other words," he said, "the overwhelming majority of Americans think that most of the time the government makes decisions that are not the de-cisions they would make."

They blame this on the influence of

money and interest groups, and say pub-lic officials in Washington should listen more attentively to what their constituents say. Yet at the very moment when those constituents could have the biggest influence, on election day, more and more of them are opting out.

and more of them are oiting out.

Since these negative trends are strongest among the young, things will get worse unless something happens to reverse the prevailing psychology. The secretaries of state, who run elections, are going to undertaketa: "Millennium Project to reconnect young Americans to democratic participation, voting and other aspects of public life." Their plans are vague. The challenge is enormous. are vague. The challenge is enormous, Experiences like the one Americans have just gone through 40 not help.

The Washington Post.

To Hear Chirac, French-U.S. Relations Are Amicable

PARIS — Spacious, elegantly appointed and brilliantly sunlit on this midwinter after-noon, the French president's office at the Elysée Palace can barely contain the sweeping gestures, radiating warmth and generous impulses of Jacques Chirac as he talks about his impending visit to "mon ami Bill" in Washington.

They will talk of America's global power and France's growing concern about U.S. unilateralism." But much of Mr. Chirac's two-day visit to Washington, starting this Thursday, will be a direct affirmation of an important personal relationship between two men whose common traits seem to overshadow their nations' sharp historic differences - at

least for them, at least for now. Both men are big in physical stature, appetites and determination. Both have been left for dead by the political roadside more than once in their careers. Both have tenaciously fought back from the humiliation of losing control of their national legislatures to stay in office and then to recapture the affection of their compatriots as expressed in public opinion polls. Both ride near the 70 percent level in public approval at the moment. While saying he will make no comment that would seem to 'interfere with America's in-

nothing in our conversation to mask his relief and satisfaction that Mr. Clinton's long peachment ordeal is over. "President Clinton and I face a delicate task, but not a difficult task, in coordinating our views on two big subjects on this visit," Mr. Chirac says. Those two big subjects are

ternal affairs," Mr. Chirac does

money and military power. He will seek Mr. Clinton's support for a summit of world leaders in Paris near year's end to launch a new financial "architecture" to deal with the excesses of globalization. He will lobby Mr. Clinton to override the U.S. Treasury's hostility to that monetary summit and its skepticism about in-

NEW YORK—New York has figured out how to fill

the post-impeachment politic-al gossip void. Hillary Clinton

want you to know I'm con-

sidering this very, very seri-

ously,"" reports Representa-tive Charles Rangel of Man-

hattan, chief broker of the idea

that the first lady might run for

the seat being vacated by Dan-iel Patrick Moynihan. "She says that in all kind of dif-

ferent and charming ways."
There are probably a num-

ber of states in which party

regulars might be offended by

the idea of turning over a plum

so sweet as a nomination for

an open Senate seat to an out-

sider. But New York Demo-

crats have a different men-

tality. Mr. Rangel, in fact, was

outraged when he heard a ru-

mor that Mrs. Clinton might

run in Illinois, a state where

'You can be senator from Ver-

mont or Rhode Island or

Illinois, but being senator from New York is differ-

The idea of running Mrs.

Clinton was born of a mixture

of great production values and

political desperation. Demo-

crats believe that New York City's Republican mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, is eyeing

To win statewide races,

Democrats generally have to

roll up huge majorities in New sentative Ni York City and avoid getting Westchester.

"I went to her and said,

she has actually lived.

ent," he explains.

Mr. Moynihan's seat.

'She says, 'Charlie, I just

for the Senate!

By Jim Hoagland

The financial crises" that have hit Asia, Russia and Brazil in the past 18 months "have not been mastered by technical responses" from the IMF and the World Bank, Mr. Chirac says. 'The international system has to be able to respond in a quick and strong manner when the need is there. That means getting the world's political au-

cision-making in this area." France has asked the Group of Seven finance ministers to support expanding the powers of the IMF's supervisory Interim Committee over IMF opera-

thorities more involved in de-

ternational organizations taking of the World Bank's develop-on significant new powers. of the World Bank's develop-ment planning functions with the IMF. Mr. Chirac is to visit both those institutions on Thursday to dramatize his proposals. He is likely to caution Mr. Clinton about turning the April 23-25 NATO summit in Washington into a media-driven glorification of U.S. victory in the Cold War that would risk humiliating Russia. Recent indications that the Clinton administration is moving away from strict observance of the U.S.-Soviet Anti-Ballistic Missile

and he will seek clarification. The two leaders will be forced to try to resolve an intions, and the merging of some creasingly bitter argument be- from the American Revolution

Treaty of 1972 also concern him,

tween French and American officials over the new mission statement that NATO leaders will adopt at the April summit.

The French want NATO actions outside its members' territory to be blessed by the United Nations. The Americans do not want to expose NATO operations to the risk of Security Council vetoes by Russia or China. These differences will surface in discussions on Kosovo and Iraq that Mr. Chirac and Mr. Clinton will hold, and will test the human harmony both men say they enjoy.

Personal friendship between leaders has played a relatively small role in French-American relations. Except when crisis has compelled cooperation,

to the Gulf War, Washington and Paris have been as likely to bicker as to bonc.

Mr. Chirac tales a different approach. He stesses friendship rather than aggressively asserting independence, as his predecessors did for political advantage. "I always look at an American president with the eyes of a friend," he says as our conversation ends.

'Despite what is frequently written, France does not have a desire to challenge America for leadership or influence. At times there are irritations and differences, as there are in a family. But they are not more serious than that." He will seek to prove that proposition this

k in Washington. The Washington Pou.

Rough Sailing for Europe's Capitalist Left

PARIS — Only a season ago, Europe's left rejoiced in the claim that it had transformed the political climate. How short

the season was. ber's German parliamentary elections coincided with a new government in Italy led by former Communists. A Socialist government was already installed in France. The European left suspected that Tony Blair's New Labour was Thatcherism clutching a rose, but all of Europe's major states, with the exception of Spain, were gov-

erned by parties of the left. They still are, but the dramatic events of recent weeks have been those of discomfiture. Mr. Schroeder's first hundred days proved a purgatory, leading to a state election defeat that in turn may end his SDP's coalition with the Greens.

Italy's left has been redivided by former Prime Minister Romano Prodi's attempt to re-establish his Olive Tree alliance. Mr. Blair's "administration" (as the British like to say, having augmented waste-repro-

Look Out, Hillary May Be Coming

By Gail Collins

beaten too badly in the surrounding suburbs. Mr. Gi-

uliani is the darling of Long Island and Westchester

County, and he might be ex-

pected to hold on to at least his

core constituency in the city's

white ethnic neighborhoods.

The one person better known and perhaps better

liked than the fractious Mr.

Giuliani is the feisty Mrs.

Clinton. The president and first lady may be controversial

in some parts of the country, but in New York their approv-

al ratings are at levels nor-mally reserved for politicians

who have won a world war.

first lady, whose voting ad-

dress is her mother's home in

Arkansas, does not seem to

nonnced that the contentions

and near bankrupt New York

Democratic Party had "pulled

together an offer that the first

lady can't refuse," including

a guarantee that the nomina-

tion would be hers for the ask-

ing, without a primary.
So far, everyone seems to

agree, including the Democrat

regarded as the most likely

Senate candidate presently residing within the confines of

New York state. "If the first

lady decides to run, she'll

clear the field," said Repre-

sentative Nita Lowey of

Mr. Rangel proudly an-

specifically live anywhere.

True, Mrs. Clinton does not

in imitation of the United cessing facilities specifically to States) sees foreign investment accommodate Germany.

checked and exports harmed by Schroeder's Social Democrat- toward recession. It is accused ness favoritism.

constrained by impending elec-tions to the European Parliament in June. After that is the possibility of an early parliamentary dissolution, or even an anticipated presidential election.

Two problems of this new left have been amateurism and sentimental ideology. Chancellor Schroeder agreed with the Greens before the elections that if they won, Germany would renounce nuclear power. He and his Green ministers then set out as if nuclear plants could be shut down overnight, benign alternative energy sources could be as quickly brought on line and international agreements with Britain and France could simply be renounced — both countries

Rudolph Giuliani and Hillary

Clinton is so tasty that even

the first hints of a speculation

of a possibility created head-lines. Now that Mrs. Clinton

is officially considering the

idea, political junkies are in a

full-blown frenzy.
This is the sort of contest

that election aficionados live

for. It could actually over-

shadow the presidential con-test. Which debate would you

listen to, Clinton-Giuliani or

been thriving on all-Monica formats for the last year could

easily divert their talking heads

to a discussion of who would

have more trouble adjusting to

the Senate, the authoritarian

man half the senators voted to

first lady might have to face

embarrassing questions about the state of her marriage. But

Mr. Giuliani, whose wife de-

clined to say whom she had

voted for in the last mayoral

election, has pretty much

broken the press corps of the

habit of trying to poke into a

Yorker, by no means as as-

sured of his party's nomina-tion as Mrs. Climon would be

of hers. Allies of Governor

George Pataki, a Republican,

are not necessarily entranced

by the idea of having Mr. Gi-

The New York Times.

uliani as a candidate.

The mayor, a lifelong New

politician's private life.

On the campaign trail, the

toss out of office.

The cable channels that have

Gore-Bush?

live in New York, but then the Mr. Giuliani or the wife of the

By William Pfaff

Mr. Schroeder and his cabinet The victory of Gerhard an expensive pound and a drift offered ill-considered and unwanted advice to the European ic-Green coalition in Septem of image-obsession and busi- Central Bank, to no useful ef livervice unions to bring them. The French coalition of the highly sensitive matter, was confronts the possibility of a 'plural' left suffers coalition dealt with so maladroitly as to national strike on wages; which strains, and its room for action is relaunch the nationalist fervors could destroy Mr. Schroeder's

> on Feb. 7 and loss of control of the upper house of Parliament. It was the Greens, not the Social Democrats, who actually lost, falling from 11 to 7 percent of the vote. That led Mr. Schroeder to reconsider his coalition. He is looking toward the liberal Free Democrats for help on the nationality issue.

> In France, Lionel Jospin, no doubt knowing better, indulged the left's old fantasy that jobs are created by dividing up the work. He imposed a 35-hour workweek on larger companies. This had serendipitous effects, by bringing into question long-standing labor rigidities and featherbedding, but was a dis-traction from the real obstacles to job creation, which in France, as in Germany, are an overregulated employment market and administrative and fiscal regimes that discourage enter-

prise and company start-ups. . Mr. Jospin, Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Blair all have union problems. Unhealed trauma from past union abuses is chiefly responsible for New Labour's effort to pretend that it is not a labor party supported by trade unions. It defers to business interests, currently by endorsing genetically modified food, and makes an embarrassing effort to "reposition" Britain as a center of madeap fashion and progressive thought.

Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Jospin suffer from the strategic i influence that some of their unions still exercise over economic policy. The French Socialists have too much electoral -; support from teachers' and pubfect. Nationality reform, a selves to reform them. Germany dealt with so maladroitly as to national strike on wages, which program for a job-creation agreement with industry.

These are matters of comprehensible electoral prudence. but the left's inability to deal with corporatist union, business and administrative obstacles to 1 serious job creation reveals a certain intellectual weakness. as well as a lack of political courage, with damaging implications.

Europe's social capitalism [2] has to be reformed if it is to 5 survive. This is the only op-di portunity for reform that n Europe is likely to be given in ... the foreseeable future. Failure implie giving up welfare capi-talism While neoconservative, ideologists, and much (by no meansall) of business, might be pleased by that, it would not be a good thing for Europe, or d even for capitalism.

The dominant economic model of the last two decades, b of deregulated capitalism, has left a good deal of international in wreckage in its wake, as people in now acknowledge. Its social consequences in America (as 18 Rand Corporation studies demonstrite — a reasonably un-biased source), include job cre-ation but also a dramatic increase in inequality, with effective exclusion from mainstream education and health " care of a larger and larger segment of the population. There in has to be something better.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1899: Cock Fights PARIS — A decision has been

given by the Court of Cassation. It is that cock-fighting is legal, provided the birds are not armed with weapons. The decision was pronounced on a charge against a showman, who got up cock-fights at provincial fairs. He was summoned under the Grammont law for the protection of animals. The "Temps" reports the decision: "The Court, considering that cocks naturally engage in single combat, holds that organized cock-fights only come within the provisions of the law when the organizer has armed the birds with special weapons, such as spurs, of a nature to cause wounds."

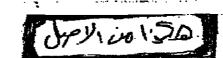
1924: Cigarette Mode

PALM BEACH, Fla. - What is the prevailing feminine mode in

fashionable places are making New York look provincial In the gay metropolis the cops still have orders to arrest any person in skirts caught smoking on the streets. Down here is a case of smoke-as-you-please, and the ladies all seem to please. It is s useless to say they do not look attractive in their bathing costumes, under Japanese parasols and light blue smoke wreaths frising all about them.

1949: Israeli President JERUSALEM - Dr. Chaim ?

Weizmann, eventy-five-yearold chemist, was inaugurated today [Feb. 17] as Israel's first 3 President. Thousands of blueand-white national flags fluttered throughout the Holy City as Dr. Wizmann made his triumphant enry into Jerusa-lem. At 1:15 am the speaker of the prevailing feminine mode in Florida this winter? It is the cigarette. In this respect Florida's chosen to headlsrael.



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PRE-OLYMPICS

In between, this capacious volume considers the affinity of children and monsters, the Brl-King, insect mimicry, the closcal nature of Dante's Hell, a special place of women's voices in the

Bosch, King Kong and the symbolism of birdsong in the cruel myth of Philo-

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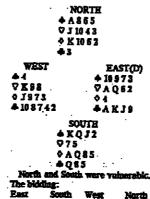
By Alan Truscott.

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East had shifted to his singleton diamond. This was the indicated play, but instead heart — but needed to draw the indicated play, but instead heart — but needed to draw diamond 10 successfully and amounced that he would amounced that he would diamond shift lade leaves a five cord only but

that an original 1-3-4-5 hand was a good bet.

In that case the normal play East of the ace and queen of dra- 14 monds, automatic in a Pass no-tramp contract, was hopeless. It was now four-to-one



spread among German politicians. example of xenophobia. AXEL GELFERT.

KARSTEN WEYLANDT. Oxford, England.

What's in a Name? The Politics Of Defining Nationality in Asia

By Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

S INGAPORE — Don't tell the Pakistanis, the peak of the insularity that gave birth to the bangladeshis or Sri Lankans, but Singaold "Channel frozen, Continent isolated" pore lumps them all together as Indians. And not in the sense of the man in a bar in the Mexican border town of Juarez who, learning I was Indian, asked, "Chihuahua?"

If I bristled at what I took to be a canine comparison, many of India's neighbors would find it galling that everyone "with ethnic origins in the Indian Subcomment" is regarded as Indian.

To ensure that no one escapes the net Singapore's National Registration Department hists no fewer than 15 categories of Indian; and to be doubly sure, it includes Sinhalese as well as Sri Lankan along with

MEANWHILE

Tamil and Bengali. But any Indian who might gloat over this terminological conquest is brought down to earth by the local univer-sity's indulgence of Sikh students, who are allowed to opt out of the Indian label.

Defining nationality is always difficult in old societies reborn as modern states. We live at many planes but the core identity - the one that matters - is clan, religion or language. The national concept is so remote that no Indian language, including my native Bengali, has ready words for India and Indian.

A continental identity is unthinkable, which explains why the political scientist Benedict Anderson calls Asia a Western invention. "People in Western countries believe in the massive existence of 'Asians,' but very few people in 'Asia' share this curious

idea," he says.

Mr. Anderson also says that Chinese immigrants in Indonesia had no idea they were Chinese, thinking only in terms of dialect groups, until the Dutch forced them into the Chinese straitjacket.

Even in China, they knew themselves as Hsia, Jung, Ti and Chiang.

If Europe gave us national labels, it did so grudgingly. The early British in India called themselves Indian and dismissed sons of the soil as natives.

"You're the only native present" said a patronizing hostess in England to an Indian student, who shot back, "On the contrary, madam, I'm the only one who isn't!" The word had pejorative overtones. So I

was curious to see how a 19th century ancestor of mine had circumvented it in a protest to the viceregal authorities that resulted in Indian judges being given jurisdiction over the British.

The document, when I obtained a copy from the India Office Library in London, was a masterpiece of diplomacy: My great-grand-father spoke of "the natives of India" as distinct from the Crown's "European British

That signaled another linguistic revolution. Long before the European single currency, at joke, the English in India were everywhere described as Europeans.

Generously, they also included Americans, but with matching inconsistency defined anyone of mixed parentage — even those with names like Schwartz or Vitacovitch — as Anglo-Indian.

It is all a puzzlement, as Anna's King of Siam would have said. "Aw, y'mean Injun from Inja?" drawled a hotel receptionist in Montgomery, Alabama, soon after my bruising experience in Juarez.

But it was all the same to the New York cabbie who branded me East Indian and refused to admit any difference between India and the East Indies.

Singapore's fixation with race is just as baffling. Apart from evoking shades of genetic classification, and some of Europe's more repugnant political creeds, the ethnic question, which pops up in all official forms, places the honest Indian in a quandary.

Should he write Indo-Aryan if he is from the north, Indo-Mongoloid if from the east.

and Dravidian if a southerner? The trouble is that officialdom makes no concession to accuracy. The only acceptable answer is Indian, which is not a race at all, but citizenship.

We are not the only sufferers. A Filipino colleague tells me that he is not allowed to call himself ethnic Malay because Malays must be Muslim and he is Christian. Filipino it has to be, regardless of his plea that His Most Catholic Majesty King Philip II of Spain gave the Philippine archipelago its name, but could not have fathered all its people.

The Filipino colleague and I have some thing else in common — not until the 20th century did his people begin to call themselves Filipino. They were indies until then, filipina and filipino (small f always) being reserved for creoles of pure (or so they said) Spanish descent born in the Philippines.

But trying to right the wrongs of history through new coinages has its pitfalls. One such pitfall loomed large when Uganda's megalomaniac dictator, Idi Amin Dada, wanted to bestow his own name on his country. At the risk of ending up in the freezer, a tactful aide pointed out that the citizens of Idi might balk at the honor, seeing that the inhabitants of Cyprus are called Cypriots ...

The writer, a former editor of The Statesman in India, is an editorial consultant with The Straits Times in Singapore. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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After all, the Olympics Champions such as Mark nic conflict. But athletes — Regardless of what the in- have become a multibillion-Spitz and Carl Lewis could be recruited to spearhead and the public - deserve a He contributed this comment level playing field and con- to the Los Angeles Times. vestigators discover, new dollar business and it can no

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

longer be run like a family

concern that need not open

its present form, has out-lived its usefulness. It is

amazing, for example, that

the president of the U.S.

Olympic Committee is not a

member of this powerful

governing body. This is true

although the overwhelming

percentage of Olympic

funds comes from the

United States. Therefore,

USOC membership on the

IOC should be a no-brainer.

Angeles in 1984 proved that

the Olympics could be a prof-

itable venture, the competi-

tion among cities to host the

world's best athletes has be-

come intense and, in some

cases, unprincipled. Reform

of the selection process by

putting more weight on a pro-

fessional evaluation of a

site's athletic facilities rather

than more marginal factors

would reduce the temptations

offered to decision-makers.

ans and corporate sponsors of the Games must insist on

immediate changes in the

IOC's high command as

well as reforms in institu-

tions that have shown little

ability to prevent scandals

from erupting in Salt Lake City and elsewhere.

Finally, former Olympi-

Ever since the Los

In many ways, the IOC, in

its books to anyone.

Indonesia's Success

Regarding "World Bank Admits Failings in Indonesia's Collapse"

T OS ANGELES - The

Olympics headquarters in

Switzerland recall the famil-

iar fable about the emperor's new clothes. While the em-

peror is persuaded by his sy-

cophants that he is resplen-

dent in a gold suit, it takes a

little boy to declare that the

So it goes with the em-

perors of Olympic sport,

who reassure each other that

their credibility and author-

ity remain intact while each

new revelation of high-level

corruption shows that their

imperial "clothes" actually

the International Olympic

Committee the power to deal with the use of drugs in world

sporting competition is only

the latest sign of terminal weakness in the IOC and its

long-entrenched president,

Juan Antonio Samaranch.

And a budding revolt within

the IOC against Mr. Sa-

maranch's plan to change the

site-selection process indi-

cates that his continued ten-

The main question is not

whether Mr. Samaranch and

his close associates share the

blame for the perks and pay-

offs that married the choice

of Salt Lake City for the

Winter Games in 2002.

ure is in doubt.

The recent refusal to give

are in shreds.

emperor is not wearing any

There are a few elements that make: Indonesia a success story compared with most other developing countries: Indonesia has achieved one of the best records anywhere for the speed with which it has succeeded in meeting much of its children's autrition, health and education needs. Further-

more, it has had a very successful

NO GO THE BOGEYMAN"

Scaring, Lulling and

By Marina Warner. 434 pages. \$35. Farrar Straus Giroux.

Reviewed by Michael Dirda

MARINA WARNER'S' previous work of grandly exuberant cultural history, "From the Beast to the Blonde," was subtitled "On Fairy Tales and Their Tellers." Whether as Sybil or Sleeping Beauty, Wise Crone or Mother Goose, women dominated this study of

Goose, women dominated this study of the feminine, domestic and sexual ele-

ments in some of the world's most cel-

ebrated stories. Learned, sprightly and continually surprising, "From the Beast to the Blonde" already seems one of those indispensable books we did not know we needed until it appeared.

Now Warner has returned with a

comparably ambitious survey of how

folk tales, art and mythology deal with

folk tales, art and mythology deal with fear, in particular with masculine figures of dread: ogres, giants, cannibals, devils, strangers, serial minderers. "No Go the Bogeyman" — the enigmatic title echoes a line from the poet Louis MacNeice ("It's no go the Yogi-man") — starts with an analysis of Goya's greeners "black" nainting "Saturn

gruesome "black" painting "Saturn Devouring His Child" and closes with

reflections on the contemporary obses-

fiery carnival celebration in Spain, the

disturbing link between Hdly Commu-nion and cannibalism, Shakespeare's gory "Titus Andronicus," the function of the grotesque, Josephine Baker and Carmen Miranda, the art of Hieronymus

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family planning program largely through and because of the World Bank's involvement and largesse in the early 1970s and has significantly raised the standard of housing, waste disposal and communication for its

The Emperors of Olympic Sports

Show They Have No Clothes

By Robert H. Helmick

leadership is required now

to restore some of the lost

glory of the Olympic move-

The best answer would be

an early retirement for Mr.

Samaranch at the age of 79

rather than allowing him to

continue until his term ex-

In order to move quickly, someone of unquestioned

integrity who is acceptable

to the IOC must be appoin-

ted to take charge. Princess Anne of Britain, an IOC

member, has those qualific-

ations. She has been an

Olympic competitor, heads

the International Equestrian

Federation and long has scomed the lavish gifts that were provided to IOC mem-

bers by cities seeking to host

Winter or Summer Games.

Her selection as interim ad-

ministrator would be greeted

with nothing but applause.

In the long term, the secrecy and lack of account-

ability that have character-

ized Olympic decision-mak-

ing must be relegated to the

dustbin of history. Eventually, with ample

time for transition, the vir-

tual life terms of IOC mem-

bers must be limited, and

they must be elected by their

national sports organiza-

tions rather than anointed by

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ment before it is too late.

SAMIR BASTA. Mougins, France.

Germany and Immigration Regarding "Who Is a German?" (Editorial, Feb. 10):

of bananas. Among other matters.

exaggerating them, reinforcing them,

"communicates struggles about sepa-

book takes up cradie songs. Warner writes: "Lullabies are mysterious and

paradoxical, charged with 'maternal

ambivalence'; they convey aggression

special place of women's voices in the history of mourning." Such bedtime

singing in fact, embraces "fear by con-fronting its possibilities, and these in-clude the unknown destiny that lies

ahead for the baby." From this spring-board Warner launches into discussions

repeating them over and over again,

ward the proposed changes to German citizenship law says that those who opposed the government's plans want to keep foreigners as "second-class citizens." This reinforces a common, yet dangerously distorted, view of German public opinion, namely, that xenophobia is wide-

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, all parties represented in the Bundestag have put forward plans to grant German citizenship to im-

The editorial on the opposition tomigrants and their children. The real controversy is about whether to encourage dual citizenship. The conservatives oppose this, being concerned about the difficulties multiple national loyalties may cause for the process of democratic participation. We cannot accept that what is a true concern about democratic stability is being misrepresented as an

fidence in the integrity of the

Olympic Games.
The Olympic emperors

must relinquish their powers

to avoid even more disgrace

and clear the way for

change. For now, there is too

little accountability, too little openness and far too

much arrogance at the top.

The writer, a former president of the U.S. Olympic

Committee, was a member of

the IOC from 1985 to 1991.

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hand on the diagramed deal was Mel Colchamiro of Merrick, New York.

Here he was playing in the
National Swiss Teams in Orlando, Florida, partnering his wife, lanet. The three-diamond bid was "fit-showing," inviting time in spaces. South's acceptance was ambitious, given that he 0 1973 had overcalled with a 108

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The declarer could now see dummy quickly to draw the *KJ9

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mel, the counterpoint between Jesus's angel-guarded escape into Egypt and Herod's Massacre of the Innocents, and the importance of baby talk in the acquisition of language.

The book's last section, "Making

changes in the governance of the games. Corporations

such as Coca-Cola and John

Hancock Insurance cannot

sit on the sidelines while the

reputation of the Olympics

Olympics demonstrate the

limits of human performance and hold up the ideal

of fair play. They help to unify a world too often di-

vided by religious and eth-

At their best,

slips to the depths.

As her subtitle suggests, Warner divides her study into three sections. Under "Scaring" she notes how "uttering the fear, describing the phantom, generally scaring oneself and the audience constitutes one way of dealing with the feelings that giants, ogres, child-guzzlers, ghouls, vampires, cannibals and all their kind inspire." In fact, "dreaming of their horrors and desires and crimes, facing up to the frightening. Humor, according to Warner, allows us to view our fears from a new angle, and is thus an aspect of metamorphosis. Warner's "anatomy of fear" over-

works to squeeze pleasure out of the confrontation." flows with surprising connections and myriad factoids from the byways of his-In particular, Warner zeroes in on the common childhood terror of being gobbled up by the bogeyman: "The tory and popular belief. Though one might fault Warner's book for a somewhat ramshackle struc-

cluster of meanings around the idea of consumption (devouring, swallowing, ture and a certain schematic vagueness to the arguments, its prose is nearly always vivacious and striking. "Sup-ping together in myth, epic and fairy tale wolfing down, bloodsucking, to name but a few)," she declares forcefully, is usually far more dangerous than sleeprate identity, filiation and personal autonomy." This may sound rather academic and anthropological, but Warner

Of the early Italian fabulist Basile, Warner notes with obvious gusto that enlivens every page with illustrative an-ecdotes, beginning with the legend of Kronos, who methodically swallowed 'he specifically chooses to ventriloquize in the voice of old wives, each one more grotesquely ugly than the next — female Aesops, storytelling grylli, des-pised beldames and crones, hooknosed, hunchbacked, boss-eyed, splay-footed,

his offspring yet ended up regurgitating them in a kind of parody of childbirth. In its second section, "Lulling," the dribbling, crippled."

Nothing is alien to this erudite culture critic. At one moment Warner may refer to Smurfs or an underground comic or "Blade Runner," and in the next drop in a marvelous, if unusual word such as "lacustrine" or "usufruct."

Like a proto-surrealist, the great artist Durer maintained that "whoever wants to do dreamwork must mix all things From this perspective, Warner's "No Go the Bogeyman" is a dream of a book. Dip into it anywhere and you will draw up wonders.

diamond shift, led a low heart. pointed by the bad split. He make his game.

South needed to reach the last trump, and considered West's distribution. It was clear that he had begun with one spade and three hearts, but the minor-suit distribution was less clear. With six clubs, West would have been likely to pre-empt over one spade, so Colchamiro decided

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An On-Line Outpouring Helps a Family Endure

Advice and Prayers Flow for Leukemia Victim

By John Schwartz Nashington Post Service

TASHINGTON — Gabe's subsequent ups and downs. gone. Though I never met the California teenager, and I have encountered his father only online, I feel that I've known his family for years. Thousands of people feel the same way.

Gabriel Catalfo's life, his struggle to bring the leukemia that was first detected in 1991 into remission and then his death in November all were chronicled on-line by his father, Phil. He posted his story on the Well, a Sausalito, California-based on-line community known for having some of the best discussions available on the

After introducing the notion of telling his family's story, Phil began course. Over the course of the folposting messages like this one in lowing hours, he expressed disorientposting messages like this one in

DAY 1: Monday, 1/7/91 said about an hour later, as we were At about 4:30 P.M., I was plinking preparing to go out), fear, depression; away on my computer when I heard and I'm sure those feelings will rethe door to my office open suddenly. A surface. But overall he has seemed,

to see my wife. Michelle, entering. In a slightly tremulous, halfwhispery voice, she said, "I don't know how to tell you this, but Gab-

riel has leuk-Their athletic, robust, 7-year-old son had been complaining of ab-

dominal aches and had grown pale. A blood test con- beautiful light. And there's no chemo

The drive home was cold and quiet, except for my head. I have to tell the kids. I have to tell the neighbors. I have to tell the whole freaking world. My son has leukemia. My son has leukemia. I have to tell somebody. If I tell everybody, eventually I'll tell somebody who can undo this.

In the ensuing years, Phil was unsparing in his detail about medical procedures, side effects of drugs and the everyday horrors of treatment.

In recent years we have seen an increasing number of first-person ac-counts of cancer. But in the nearly unlimited space of the on-line medium. Phil was able to go into a level of detail that I have never encountered in other accounts. His combination of clinical thoroughness, somber elegance and rich spirituality made his STORY FIVELING.

But just as compelling was the interplay between the storyteller and his community, the constant feedback from his many readers in comments. advice, praise and prayers.

Some of the comments were uplifting, some heartbreaking — and, as with any community, any family, some were boorish and inane, like those of the relative who visits you in the hospital and wants to tell you

Gabe and his doctors did beat the cancer into remission, and Phil ultimately credited the outpouring of support from a network of friends around the world - most of whom he had never met — with helping Gabe, his parents and two siblings make their way through the ordeal.

It's like the scene in those movies where the bad guy rides into town and, in the climactic moment, the entire town shows up to quietly stare him down. The on-line community had helped Gabe & Co. stare down

Phil kept us all posted about Gabe's Last June the cancer was back with

Once again, Phil gave us insights into Gabe, a bright kid who, like his father, could say things that cycled rapidly from childlike to wise to heartbreakingly funny. Phil recounted Gabe's reaction when he was in-

emia was back: 'I'm scared." he said. He called for his mom a couple of times, and she told him she was right there.

formed by his parents that the leuk-

Then — within seconds, it seems — he calmed. "It's O.K.," he said. "I'm peace. Don't worry about me." ation ("I don't know how to live," he brisk wind blew in briefly, and I turned since that moment, remarkably, almost

eerity, calm.

He asked about what hap-'I have to tell the whole pens when you die. I said we freaking world. My son know; has leukemia. I have to Michelle pointed tell somebody. If I tell out that many acfrom who've counts everybody, eventually I'll tell somebody who had "near-death experiences" re-port that "it's can undo this.' beautiful, a beau-

there." That's right, I added, and no

We continued discussing various things for a while. At one point he looked up at me, smiling through trem-bling lips, and said, "Hey, Dad, maybe you can write a book about me." You know I will, I said, weeping. And maybe you can write something

This seemed to lighten his mood. "Hey, this sucks," he said, smiling broadly. "I'm gonna die a virgin!"

THE GOODWILL flowed once again from the community of supporters. But I guess you're only allotted so many miracles per lifetime. Gabe died Nov. 4, at age 15. In his eulogy, Phil said:

"I am charging us all with the task of honoring Gabe's memory by being every bit as heroic as we agree he was. From this day forward, I don't want to hear only how brave Gabe was or even how brave our family is. I want to see how brave we all are. That's how we'll know we learned what Gabe taught

Anybody who tries to tell you the Internet is an evil place, that the friendships made there aren't real, that the people are fake - well, those folks just haven't been to the places I've

I wouldn't judge an unfamiliar town by its dirty-book stores or singles bars, and I hope that someday the people focused on the dangers of on-line life get to find the kinds of places where people like Phil Catalfo hang out — the kinds of places where the human spirit is affirmed and hope thrives in the face of despair.

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Cell-Phone Users Get a Spelling Shortcut

By Mike Mills

ASHINGTON — What's the biggest barrier product as electronic mail devices? It's those dreaded Touch-Tone alpha-numeric keypads. Sure, punching in a phone number is simple. But spelling out words is a headache, with each number key responsible for three letters — ABC,

For instance, to spell "Call Me" on a Sony cell phone, one must hit the number 2 three times to advance from A to B to C, and then wait for the cursor to move to the next letter. The letter A also is on the number 2, touch once. The letter L requires three presses on the number 5,

It takes 13 pushes of the buttons to spell just two little words. Imagine writing an entire e-mail message that way. Some manufacturers have tried cram-

ming a full keyboard into a wireless phone. The Nokia 9000 series has a clamshell design that opens to reveal a small screen and keyboard. The result is a phone that is too big and a keyboard that is too small.

A small, privately held Scattle-based company called Tegic Communications has found a way around the problem, not

by abandoning the Touch-Tone keypad but by embracing it and making it faster. Tegic, founded by a trio of linguists whose previous work involved making it easier for the disabled to communicate, has developed advanced linguistic databases that vastly speed the process of spelling out words on a Touch-Tone

Its product, called T9 (after the nine buttons on a phone that spell the alphabet), is being rapidly adopted by makers of cell-phone equipment and will appear on many popular-branded phones in the next year. Nokia Oy, Mo-torola Inc., Mitsubishi Corp., Sony Corp., Samsung Co., Philips Electronics NV and others already have signed on. Several phones on display at the wireless industry trade show this month in New Orleans employed T9.

T9 allows users to simply spell out the words they want by hitting each button once, without having to hit the key again to advance to the correct letter.

Rather than the six button pushes re-

Tegic's T9 technology lets users spell out words they want by hitting each button once, without having to hit the key again to advance to the correct letter. It then picks the most commonly used word made up of those letters.

the number 6 three times to get to O and the number 9 once to get the W), the user simply hits 4-6-9. The computer chip inside the phone figures out that the user is going after "how" and sorts out the correct letters.

How does it know? It's all about writing software that factors in the most frequently used words in any language, said William Valenti, the Tegic executive vice president for business development. T9, he said, "disambiguates," or decodes, the keystrokes to make a highly educated guess of what the user is trying to spell.

"It's a set of rules on how words are made." Mr. Valenti said. The software sorts through millions of words from the Internet and ranks those that are most quired to spell the word "how" (hitting commonly used. "It's a living database the number 4 twice to advance to the H, that reflects how people use text." But what if it's wrong?

What if the user is trying to spell "home," and it comes out "good"? (Both are 4-6-6-3.) Or wants "me" and gets "of"? (Both are 6-3.) In those cases, the user would hit the arrow key on the keypad to move to the next most likely word: The computer ranks "good" as more often used than "home" and "of" before "me." The technique still saves strokes: Spelling "home" without T9 requires eight button pushes; with T9 it takes five.

The technology works for more than

just English. It's also available for Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Span-ish and Swedish. More languages are scheduled, including Chinese, Finnish and Japanese.

Tegic struggles with issues such as

whether to write software that puts word combinations in their grammatical context, rather than a popularity ranking, so that "me," rather than "of," would naturally follow a verb such as "call." So far, the company has refrained from employing such "context analysis" in English.

But grammatical context has been crucial to adapting T9 technology to Chinese. The Chinese State Language and Character Commission certified Tegic's character-recognition technology in November, making Tegic the first Western company to win such status Other Western companies had attempted to graft Chinese characters according to Latin-root equivalents, which the Chinese rejected as "culturally insulting," according to Mr. Valenti, who is a former Chinese translator.

Chinese, like most East Asian lan-guages, doesn't readily lend itself to word processing and e-mail. The mul-titude of characters doesn't fit on small, portable devices — and each character itself requires eight to 10 keystrokes. Tegic cuts the process down to a few strokes. Depending on context, for some words used in combination with others, the writer might not need to enter any strokes at all. Five phonemakers so far have licensed the Chinese-language version, Mr. Valenti said.

Tegic has patents on this approach, he said, which puts the company in a strong position to create a standard for typing in e-mail messages on the run. Tegic also is marketing nonphone applications, such as software that creates a touch pad on the screen of Palm personal organizers made by Qualcomm Corp.

Tegic's founders have not forgotten their initial focus. They have grants from the National Institutes of Health to adapt T9 technology for people with disabilities. Soon it will show up in wheelchair text-input devices and eyeglasses that allow people to stare at holographic letters in the lenses and blink to type characters onto a computer screen, Mr. Valenti said.

"We're all disabled when it comes to typing letters on a numeric keypad," he said. The T9 technology, he said, simply allows users to make the best use of "a universal interface that's always going to be there."

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Free-for-All in Britain, Where Web Surfers Needn't Pay

By T.R. Reid

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ONDON - Eat your hearts out, all you fee-paying Web surfers. In ■ Britain, you can cruise the Internet

access to the Internet, along with elec- run from the equivalent 6 cents per ently because consumers did not know tomers had demanded the change. tronic mail and blocks of data storage minute on weekdays to 1.7 cents per space, all without charge. The trend is so
popular that some established providers
have been forced to eliminate their ish Internet users had monthly fees to hold on to subscribers.

The emergence of free competition here puts a squeeze on America Online Inc., which had been the leading Internet provider in Britain, with 900,000 subscribers paying as much as the equivalent of \$34 per month.

This month, the biggest of the no-fee providers, Freeserve, signed up its mil-lionth customer and passed AOL as the top Internet service provider. Other providers that do not charge expect to reach the million-subscriber mark soon.

In most places, the standard pattern for Internet access remains that users pay a monthly fee to a provider, a typical arrangement in the United States provides unlimited hours of surfing for \$19.95 per month. An increasing mumber of upstarts in the United States have offered free access, hoping to make their profit on advertising, but several have

to get to them you first have to pay the monthly fee to your provider.

ally includes a per-minute charge even But until Freeserve came along, Brit-

ish Internet users had to pay those telephone charges as well a monthly access fee. This is presumably one reason why only about 25 percent of Britons regularly access the Internet, compared with 40 percent or more in the United States.

REESERVE, whose address is http://www.jreeser.re....., troduced in September by Dixons http://www.freeserve.net, was in-Group PLC, the electronics retail chain. It was originally a way to get people into the stores, because you have to go to Dixons or one of its allied chains to get the free CD-ROM needed to access the service. But as the number of users skyrocketed, Dixons says, ad revenues grew rapidly.
Since then, several other stores,

companies and organizations have started free Internet services. Customers sign up, register a credit card number for any on-line purchases they might want to make, and then call the provider's dedicated phone number.

Tesco PLC, a national grocery and discount chain, provides free service only to customers who hold a Tesco affinity card. But since the card is available to

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systems plan to make their money mainly through advertising, but they also cash in Britain's "free" Internet access is not on the complexity of the Internet. All exactly cost-free to surfers, because lo- offer telephone help lines for befuddled cal telephone service in Britain gen- users, at rates of about \$1.40 per minute. Although fee-based providers were

recently failed. There are also free, advertising-supported e-mail services, but is basically free to all. The free-service the movement in Britain now seems to be the movement in Britain now seems to be strongly toward the no-fee previders.

The biggest breakthrough came last week when British Telecommunications PLC renamed its BT Click Internet provider service to BT Clickfree and warved have sprung up here offering unlimited for local calls. The connection charges holding their own for a while — evid- phone giant's Internet director, said cus-

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'WATERMARK' ANTI-COPYING STANDARD: Five giants in the computer and consumer-electronics in-dustries have agreed on a "watermark" standard for protecting digital movies and videos from unauthorized copy-

ing.

The agreement, announced Tuesday, reconciles two competing standards — one supported by International Business Machines Corp. and NEC Corp., the other supported by Hirachi Ltd., Pioneer Electronic Corp. and Sony Corp. The agreement among the five companies promises to remove the last major obstacle preventing manufacturers from bringing digital video recording devices to the market.

The companies said they expected the first significant

application of digital watermarks to be in DVD — digital videodisk — systems. The new technology is also expected to be used to protect video distributed electronically by digital broadcasts and networks. An invisible, indelible bit of binary code, known as a watermark, will be embedded in every frame of a digital recording.

Dan Sullivan, the IBM vice president who oversees

Asia-Pacific technical operations, said the watermarking would allow unlimited analog copies to be made on existing 21 Sudy VCRs.

perfect clones of originals, enabling unlimited copying without protective technologies in place. Analog copies deteriorate rapidly over each generation.

SLATE IS FREE AGAIN: It was an important test of one facet of Internet commerce: Would readers pay an annual subscription rate of \$19.95 to read a magazine on-line? Slate magazine, owned by Microsoft Corp. and edited by Michael Kinsley, which decided 10 months ago to charge readers \$19.95 a year, apparently decided they would not. In an e-mail notice Friday, the magazine said it would now be available free on the World Wide Web.

Scott Moore, Slate's publisher, said that paid subscriptions for content — except for sexually oriented material and investment advice—had not grown as expected. The number of paying subscribers, he said, was in the "high 20,000s." Under the new arrangement, readers who pay \$19.95 a year will get e-mail deliveries and print-out editions and will

have access to the Slate archives.

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U.S. Arms Makers Rely On Exports for Survival

Developing Countries Turn Into Major Market

By Tim Smart

FORT WORTH, Texas - At a sprawling 710-acre manufacturing complex west of town, workers at Lockheed Martin Corp. produce the needle-nosed F-16 Fighting Falcon, a champion of the Gulf War that has become the best-selling jet fighter in

the world.
Yet the United States plans to buy
only one of the 1970s-vintage aircraft
this year. This leaves Lockheed Martin, based in Bethesda, Maryland, and its 11,000 workers here dependent on other military forces around the world to keep the \$25 million F-16 in production.

Both the company and its workers are hoping that a \$5 billion order from the United Arab Emirates — announced with great fanfare during a visit last May by Vice President Al Gore — will keep the plant in business for another decade. But the order has been postponed while the UAE and the U.S. government haggle over the level of electronics technology in the plane. a delay that contributed to Lockheed's missing its 1998 earnings estimates.

The UAE deal and others like it illustrate problems with the defense industry's increasing reliance on for-

eign sales for its survival. Companies that once counted on a free-spending Pentagon for their livelihood now make do with procurement budgets that are half as big as they were at the height of the Cold War.

"Is the basis of our business going

toward international sales?" Bill Anderson, a Lockheed Martin executive, asked. "The answer is yes. We're not embarrassed about that."

But this shift has brought its own set of problems to Lockheed Martin and rivals Boeing Co., whose F-15 fighter-bomber is dependent on foreign sales for its existence, and Raytheon Co. The collapse of oil prices and the Asian financial crisis have left some of their best customers — the petroleum sheikdoms of the Middle East and emerging military powers in Southeast Asia strapped for cash at the moment the defense contractors need them most.

Since 1995, when President Bill Clinton approved a change in arms export policy to allow economic concerns to be given equal weight with national-security considerations in promoting arms sales, the U.S. defense industry has been on an export extravaganza. With U.S. defense spending down

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It is currently being marketed to Poland and Greece.

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Buffeted by Economic Squalls, Airlines Slash North Atlantic Fares

By Edwin McDowell New York Times Service

NEW YORK — With international business travel weakening because of the economic slowdown overseas, and with more flights scheduled across the North Atlantic, most major airlines have aggressively cut fares from the United States to Europe, in many cases ex-ceeding their previous winter sales.

Flights between New York and London are as little as \$228 plus tax round trip, for example, while San Francisco-to-Paris round trips can be gotten for

The number of destinations is indeed more extensive than ever, sirius officials agement company. say, and the period for which the fares are

typically available in winter sales. "In 29 years with the company," said

John Lampl, a spokesman for British Airways, "I've never seen fares so low so early as this year, or for travel so long into spring. The driving force behind the dis-

counting is overcapacity. Despite strong demand throughout most of last year, when many trans-Atlantic flights were added, the airlines now find themselves with too many seats to fill in the slow winter season.
"With all that capacity when business

\$348. The sharply discounted fares are travel to Europe is declining, you can being offered in dozens of Anichican and just about name your price, said Mibluth International, a U.S. travel man-

a result of the labor dispute between American Airlines and its pilots. After a weeklong disruption of its flights because of the pilots' protest action, some analysts expect American to introduce bargain fares on both international and domestic flights, to try to lure back passengers. American currently offers a range of discount fares, including a \$248

round trip from Chicago to Paris. British Airways set off the latest round fares as low as \$228 round trip to London from New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Newark, New Jersey, and by offering comparable fares from 18 other U.S. from San Francisco or Denver is \$328, while a round trip to London from Los And airfares for leisure travelers may Angeles, San Diego or Phoenix costs

valid extends far beyond the few weeks remain low, at least in the short term, as \$358. Travelers have until Wednesday to most U.S. airlines have matched British buy these tickets, and they must depart by March 31 and return by April 30.

These fares apply to flights originating in the United States. While the aggressive price-cutting also benefits travelers starting their trips in Europe, the discounts are more spotty in this direction. Mr. Lampl said, for instance, that Brit-

ish Airways was offering comparable reductions on flights originating in Europe. But on American, the lowest fare curof discounting late last week by offering rently available for any Paris-New York round trip originating in Paris was 2,643 French francs (\$451) — nearly double the lowest fare in the opposite direction.

But for travel originating in America,

Airways or are offering somewhat similar bargains. United Airlines is offering such round-trip fares as New York to London for \$228, San Francisco to Paris for \$348 and Los Angeles to Amsterdam

for \$398. Discount fares at Continental Airlines include New York or Newark to Paris for \$248 and to Rome for \$298. Among the offerings by Delta Air Lines are flights from Los Angeles to Paris for \$358.

The tickets are not refundable, the prices do not include taxes and other restrictions apply.

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Jobless Rate Unchanged In Britain

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

LONDON — The unemployment rate was unchanged in January at 4.6 percent, the government reported Wednesday, but the number of registered jobless un-expectedly fell for the second month in a row, reducing the chances of an early interest-rate cut.

The decline in Britain's jobless rolls, which followed a revised drop of 13,800 in December, suggests that hiring in the services industries such as shops, hotels and restaurants and telecommunications had more than offset job losses in manufacturing and agriculture. In January, the total number of people

out of work and claiming benefits fell by 5,700, to 1.31 million, the lowest figure since June 1980, the Office of National Statistics said. Analysts had predicted a rise of about 5,000.

The unemployment rate for the 11 countries in the euro single-currency zone is 10.8 percent.

The report may prompt the Bank of England to break its five-month string of interest-rate reductions and keep its benchmark securities repurchase rate at 5.5 percent when it meets March 3, econ-"We had expected a further quarter-

point off rates in March, but we have to say that it is probably off the cards now. said Mark Wall, an economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. "Having unemploy-ment fall for two months will cause some consternation at the Bank of England." Philip Shaw at the Investec invest-

ment house said, "It's surprising to see the official data still pointing to the tightness of the labor market, with unemployment falling and employment still rising, particularly given the general conditions in the economy.

He said that if economic data continued to be strong, the central bank would probably refrain from reducing interest rates in March. Unemployment in both Britain and

Europe as a whole is expected to rise this year as a global economic slowdown takes hold. Economists in Britain have long predicted a deterioration in the labor market after six years of economic growth that have pushed down the unemployment rate from a peak of 10.5 percent in early 1993, after Britain's last (Bloomberg, AFP)

Talks Continue as German Strike Nears

By John Schmid
nternational Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - German wage neotiators huddled late Wednesday in an 11th-hour arbitration effort to avoid an economically crippling industrial strike.

IG Metall, the largest German labor imion, warned that failure to reach a

settlement Wednesday automatically would trigger a walkout to begin as early as March I in the southwestern state of Baden-Wnerttemberg, one of the na-tion's most vital industrial regions. The union agreed to a final round of mediation in what it called the last chance for a peaceful resolution to the

1999 contract dispute, which will set wages for 3.4 million workers in the auto, metalworking, machinery and electrical industries. Negotiators began marathon bargaining sessions early Tuesday, and a union spokesman late Wednesday said talks could go into the early morning hours. Negotiations might also continue Thurs-

day if both sides see signs of progress. The sides were far apart going into the talks Wednesday, despite repeated pleas from the government in Bonn to avoid a strike. Economists and business leaders warn that either a strike of an expensive settlement would cost jobs and reduce growth. The German economy already is cooling as business confidence has slumped and the global financial crisis has slowed the economy's main engine,

Speaking during a break in the closed talks, Klaus Friesche, chief negotiator for the Gesammetall employers' fed-eration, said, "Our positions are still very far apart.

IG Metall President Klans Zwickel emerged briefly from the talks at midday and lamented that "the atmosphere inside has worsened."



Berthold Huber, left, a union representative, and Klaus Fritsche, a negotiator for employers, shaking hands before wage talks Wednesday.

percentage increase in wages and the employers' proposal of a profit-linked bonus. On wages, the union is pushing for a 6.5 percent raise, its most aggressive bargaining stance since 1993. iG Metall has vowed to refuse any final package that offers less than 4 percent.

Employers, warning that anything over 3 percent would lead to layoffs, have offered only a 2.3 percent raise coupled with a one-time profit-linked bonus of half a percentage point for companies that can afford it.

The union vehemently opposes the bonus because it would weaken its authority. The unions see a two-tiered contract as a blow to Germany's timebonored practice of paying the same levels of wages across diverse sectors, regardless of differences in profitability and products. Employers would cele-

Talks have stalled on two points: the brate a flexible profit-linked contract to break the system of uniform national wages that they argue hamstrings the labor market.

> Throughout the talks, IG Metall has signaled its readiness to strike. One union member said Wednesday it had begun printing flyers for picket lines. The union reportedly has a strike war chest of 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$572 million), which would ensure it could withstand a lengthy lockout

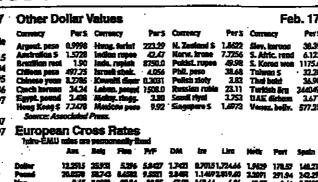
A strike in Baden-Wuerttemberg would cripple some 7,000 factories, including those of such blue-chip compa-nies as DaimlerChrysler AG, Porsche AG and Robert Bosch GmbH and several plants belonging to Ford Motor Co. and Volkswagen AG.

To press its demands, the union has been holding protest stoppages across Germany since Jan. 29.

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fourth quarter, hurt by charges related to cutting overhead

costs and upgrading its fleet; the airline plans to cut 1,000 jobs

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Cb., agreed to buy Public Service Co. of North Carolina for

Evercore Capital Partners LLC, a New York-based in-

vestment firm, acquired The National Enquirer and Star

Great Lakes Chemical Corp. shares rose 13 percent after

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. bought a 6.8 percent stake in the maker of flame-retardant chemicals.

Chase Manhattan Corp. said it would be willing to merge

with a large investment bank or consumer bank; but Walter

Shipley, the bank's chairman, and Marc Shapiro, a vice

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-PITTSBURGH — H.J. Heinz Co. said Wednesday that it has extensive routes to the Pacific, had planned to eliminate 3,000 to 4,000 jobs during the next four an 8.8 percent increase in trans-Atlantic years, sell its Weight Watchers classroom business and close traffic last month from January 1998. some factories to increase profit. Heinz plans to concentrate on its food products, including

Heinz ketchup and Ore-Ida potatoes. The company added that planes to its European routes that had it would keep the Weight Watchers frozen food line even though it was selling the diet classes.

The plan aims to generate more than \$2.5 billion over four years to reinvest in Heinz brands, and \$100 million to market products in other countries. Heinz has 100 factories and 40:500 employees worldwide.

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Euro Gains On Dollar

Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against the euro for the first time in three days Wednesday after the European Central Bank said interest rates were already low enough to stimulate growth, squelching speculation it might cut lending rates. In a monthly report, the bank re-

iterated policymakers' comments, FOREIGN EXCHANGE

saying its current 3 percent benchmark rate would sustain growth and employment in the 11 euro nations. On a one-year horizon, I would own the euro" over all other major currencies, said Wesley Paul, global head of currencies at J.P. Morgan Investment Management.

6324.76 6386.50 -0.97 While forecasting that European interest rates will fall this year, he said the euro region would "generate the strongest growth in 2000," outpacing the United States and 3792.26 3784.64 +0.20 leading to a "materially stronger" euro next year.

> end of trading Tuesday as investors predicted the ECB would keep rates steady after its meeting Thursday.
> The dollar extended its gains against the yen a day after Japanese

The euro rose to \$1.1240 in 4

officials said they welcomed the decline in the yen that followed by a apanese rate cut last week.

The dollar rose to 118.905 yen from 118.645 yen but fell to 1.4205 Swiss francs from 1.4258 francs. The pound inched up to \$1.6345 from \$1.6342.

THE AMERICAS Disappointment From Dell Drags Stocks Down

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks fell, led by software and computer companies, after weakerthan-expected sales from Dell Computer and Hewlett-Packard sparked concern that the industry's growth is slowing.

"Dell and Hewlett-Packard disappointed," said Joe Stocke, a senior portfolio manager at Meridian Investment Co. That triggered a "selloff in stocks when people saw a market leader like Deli get hit."

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 101.56, or 1.1 percent, to 9,195.47. Hewlett-Packard fell 51/4 to 68, accounting for much of the

The Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 64.88, or 2.8 percent, to 2,248.99.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 17.82, or 1.4 percent, to 1,224.05. Two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Dell fell 7 3/16 to 81 9/16, bringing its three-

pectations, but its revenue increase of 38 percent, to \$5.2 billion; was a slowdown from a sales gain of more than 50 percent in the previous quarter as rivals slashed prices to attract corporate buyers. Hewlett-Packard's earnings, also released late

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Tuesday, beat analysts' per-share expectations, but its I percent revenue growth did not

Bonds rose as declining commodity prices and Federal Reserve report showing no rise in industrial production bolstered expectations for subdued inflation. U.S. industrial production was unchanged in January despite a slight increase in factory output, the Fed said on Thursday.
U.S. mines, factories and utilities operated at

80.5 percent of their capacity — the lowest rate

day loss to 20 percent. After the markets closed Tuesday, Dell said earnings were up 49 percent in its latest quarter, meeting Wall Street's expectations but its recognitions but its recognitions. all output was steady after a 0.2 percent gain in ...

December, the Fed said. The price of the 30-year Treasury bond rose 21/32 to 99 4/32, pushing the yield down to 5.30

percent from 5.35 percent. "I expect the economy to slow and yields move lower, which is better for financial stocks," said Peter Cardillo, director of research

at Westfalia Investments. In another economic report, the Commerce Department said U.S. housing construction starts rose in January at their fastest pace in 12 years, bolstered by strong gains in the South and West. Housing starts rose 3.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,804,000 houses. Many analysts had expected housing starts to fall.

Stock in Georgia-Pacific rose 1% to 67 11/16;

the company is the largest U.S. maker of plywood. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

U.S. Economist Retracts Charge Against Soros

NEW YORK — A leading American economist on Wednesday retracted a contention he had made in an Internet article that the investor P.M. trading from \$1.1203 at the George Soros had probably traded and profited on inside information that a former aide was about to be named head of Brazil's central bank.

Paul Krugman, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said that after conversations with the former Soros aide. Arminio Fraga, he was convinced that no such inappropriate dealing had occurred.

He posted his retraction on his home page on the MIT Web site as a postscript to an earlier article he had published in the on-line magazine Slate.

In the article, Mr. Krugman wrote that investment banking officials had told him that hedge funds led by Mr. Soros had been big

buyers of Brazilian debt in the days before Mr. Fraga's nomination this month to be president of Brazil's central bank. Mr. Krugman wrote that the knowledge that

Mr. Fraga, an eminent economist and money manager, would head the central bank had given Mr. Soros prior knowledge that Brazil's financial crisis would not be as dire as others in the markets feared.

But in the postscript, he wrote, "I have spoken again to Fraga, so let me say more forcefully that I am convinced that he did nothing wrong — that he conveyed no inside information.

Mr. Fraga "also did not, even inadvertently, give Quantum advance notice of his appointment," the economist said, referring to the Quantum Fund, a hedge fund operated by Mr. On Tuesday, Mr. Fraga told a Brazilian newspaper that he had told Mr. Soros of his apointment as central bank president only the day after he received the offer from President Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

"Professor Krugman was confused and left me very ipset," Mr. Fraga told the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo.

Mr. Fraga said that he was first approached about the position on Saturday, Jan. 30, by the Finance Ministry's executive secretary, Pedro Parente, President Cardoso called Mr. Fraga on Sunday, and he accepted the post. He said he quit

his job with Mr. Soros on Monday.
The appointment of Mr. Fraga by Mr. Cardoso had soothed jittery international investors, who believed Brazil would be spared unfriendly market policies with Mr. Fraga at the helm.

FARES: Airlines Scramble to Slash North Atlantic Ticket Prices

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The trans-Atlantic discounts have their roots in part in the economic troubles in Asia and South America. Although Europe is not in recession, many American businesses have cut employee travel worldwide, and several airlines have reduced or eliminated flights to Asia and redeployed those planes to Europe.

United Airlines, for example, which But its capacity across the Atlantic grew 14.9 percent, partly because it had added previously flown to Asia. Other airlines made similar moves last year and did not cut back on flights in the winter.

Last month, Virgin Atlantic briefly offered \$198 round-trip fares between (AP, Bridge News) New York and London.

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"Those fares obviously speak to a lot of capacity in the market," said Gareth Edminson-Jones, a spokesman for Virgin. The airline's current round-trip ares, available for purchase through Wednesday, are \$228 from New York or Newark to London and \$328 from San rancisco or Los Angeles to London.

Trans World Airlines has \$298 round-trip fares between Washington and Madrid and between Dallas/Forth Worth and Paris; tickets must be purchased by Friday. The regular 21-day advance-purchase fares on the routes are \$820 and \$640, respectively.

TWA appears to offer the most generous terms, allowing travel as late as April 30. Last week, US Airways offered round-trip fares of \$298 fares from Philadelphia to London or Amsterdam and \$398 from Los Angeles to Madrid.

There may be discounts this summer, airline officials say, possibly in August,

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In an effort to show that its fares are a bargain, TWA dusted off some fares from the past. "When we introduced our New York-to-Paris round trip cost \$675 — the equivalent of \$5,273.34 now.

Mr. Boult of Rosenbluth keeps in his office a 1957 advertisement for Pan American's new Clipper service -\$453 for a round-trip economy flight from New York to London. "That was a lot of money then," he said.

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ARMS: U.S. the Major Exporter

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dramatically from Cold War levels, the industry and the government have become willing partners in pushing high-tech U.S. arms on nations that lust after the latest lethal weapons and appear to be able to afford them.

'I think the Commerce Department has been more proactive in its support for international sales, as has the State Department," said John Weaver, president and chief executive of Raytheon's international division. The company recently signed a \$1 billion deal to provide Greece with its Patriot air defense system.

Air Force Lieutenant General Michael Davison, who heads trans-Atlantic service in 1946," Mark the Pentagon's foreign-sales marketing office, said it was his Abels, a TWA spokesman, said, "the agency's mission to "level the playing field" for U.S. arms makers competing with their rivals in Europe and elsewhere. While the Pentagon does not side with particular U.S. manufacturers in promoting their products, it tries to ensure that U.S. companies win international arms competitions such as one pending for fighter jets in Greece.

And when things go sour, as they did recently with a sale of Boeing F/A-18s to Thailand, the Pentagon intervenes in an attempt to fix the problem.

Mr. Davison said arms exports were still governed by foreign policy objectives, but he said there was a broader benefit to the United States in selling arms abroad: It spreads the cost of weapons over a broader base.

"This is not a primary driver," Mr. Davison said, "but

there is a benefit that may come to the industrial base, and indeed a benefit to the U.S. armed forces in that you get a better This export tilt has left the United States the undisputed

heavyweight among arms suppliers. In 1997, for the seventh year in a row, U.S. companies led the world in arms exports, snaring 44 percent of the \$34.6 billion in weapons sold internationally that year, according to the Congressional Re-

search Service.

Most of these arms have been sold to developing nations. At the beginning of the decade, it was the oil-rich nations of the Gulf, worried about hostile regimes in Iraq and Iran, that

purchased the bulk of the weapons.

More recently, it has been the developing countries of Asia that, at least until their currency crisis broke out in 1997, had the cash to spend. Asian countries doubled their share of arms purchases in the 1990s from the previous decade, displacing the Middle East as the primary buyers of American weapons. Critics of U.S. arms exports say that this increased reliance

on foreign sales is being fueled more by the financial needs of defense contractors than by national security. They see this as an unholy alliance of industry and government working to hawk sophisticated weapons abroad as a way to keep factories open at home until the Pentagon can justify a new round of

weapon-buying.

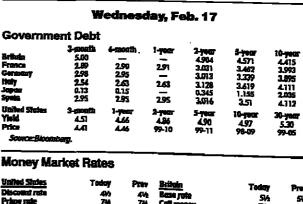
"It's kind of reaching the point where the economic and industrial-base arguments are driving the fervor for exports," said William Hartung, a longtime critic of arms policies at the World Policy Institute in New York. "It's a slightly dangerons

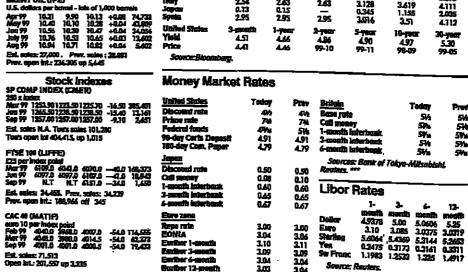
World Policy Institute in New York. "It's a slightly dangerous game. Not all of our allies are as stable as they used to be."

Others contend that the export push, aided by the Pentagon, which often pays the cost of transporting the latest weaponry to air shows in such places as Santiago and Dubai, runs counter to interests of the countries buying the latest weapons.

"These countries are made to believe they need the highest, the greatest and most sophisticated weapons," said Tamar Gabelnick, acting director of the Arms Sale Monitoring Project at the Federation of American Scientists.

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the oil giant formed in a trans-Atlantic acquisition, said Wednesday over two years. that it would accelerate its cost-cutting plan and dismiss more workers after a prolonged slump in oil prices led to a 37 percent drop in fourth-

The company said profit from operations fell to \$875 million from \$1.38 billion a year earlier.

John Browne, chief executive, said BP Amoco planned to cut 10,000 jobs, 3,000 more than announced in August.

'Downsizing is difficult," he aid. "But I hope and believe the process is being managed faithfully

Mr. Browne said the company also would achieve its goal of saving \$2 billion annually from the combination of the companies in one

charges in the next year instead of

tough environment out there," said pared to Exxon." Mark Horn, an analyst at T. Hoare & Co. "Earnings will fall further this year because of the oil price." which is hovering near a 12-year low.

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billion by 2001.

BP Amoco suffered less than its larger rival, Royal Dutch/Sheli Group, because of cost-cutting measures from years past and a stronger are suffering from a 38 percent reliance on the European refining plunge in the price of crude oil. business, where margins improved. Benchmark Brent crude averaged Shell last week posted a 53 percent \$11.75 a barrel during the fourth drop in fourth-quarter profit after initiating a program to save \$2.5

Amoco earnings were surprisingly a barrel for the foreseeable future of Russia. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

John Toalster of SG Securities. They are one of the best set of They have no choice — it's a results in the industry, even com- much below \$11 is sustainable for

BP Amoco said it had already achieved cost cuts and production increases that added \$500 million to Mr. Browne said. "But it's equally profit last year and that \$400 million BP Amoco shares closed down more in profit enhancement was planned for 1999, in addition to the

streamlining related to the combination of companies. Oil companies around the globe plunge in the price of crude oil. quarter of 1998, down from \$19.02 a

barrel the previous year.

Mr. Browne said oil prices were In fact, some analysts said the BP likely to trade between \$11 and \$17

LONDON — BP Amoco PLC, Amoco will take \$1.5 billion in "These figures are fine," said for Brent crude oil to average \$11 a and that BP Amoco was planning barrel this year.

"We don't believe that anything very long because the fundamentals of supply and demand would be disrupted by a lack of investment,' hard to see a rapid rebound of prices from current levels because of the extent of stocks."

At BP Amoco, operating profit in the oil exploration and production unit fell to \$420 million from \$1.70 billion. In refining, profit rose to \$506 million from \$423 million. Chemicals profit fell to \$125 million from \$133 million in the quarter.

BP Amoco said it had one-time charges of \$351 million, mainly to write down part of the \$750 million it invested in the troubled AO Sidanco

Will Sit Out G-7 Meeting

BRUSSELS - The European Union monetary affairs commissioner, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, said Wednesday that the EU Commission would not take part in a meeting of Group of Seven finance ministers in Bonn this weekend.

Mr. de Silguy said the decision had been prompted by a dispute over how the 11-country euro zone would be represented at G-7 meetings.

'No commission staff will participate." he said.
"The commission considers the

representation of the euro zone is not being respected according to the agreement reached by heads of state and government."

European Union leaders agreed in December that the euro zone should be represented by three permanent G-7 members — France, Germany and Italy -- as well as an EU Commission representative, a European Central Bank member and the chairman of the group of finance ministers from the 11 countries that have adopted the euro currency.

Mr. de Silguy said the EU executive had decided to skip the weekend meeting after being told by "third parties" that it should send only lower-level officials to the meeting as part of Germany's delegation. Germany currently holds both the EU and G-7 presidencies.

"It is not for third parties to tell us who participates," he said. He did not make it clear to whom

he was referring, but he said later he was "surprised by the reticence of certain partners of the European Union to see the euro zone represented." Both the United States and Japan have made clear they were unhappy at the prospect of the commission taking part in the G-7.

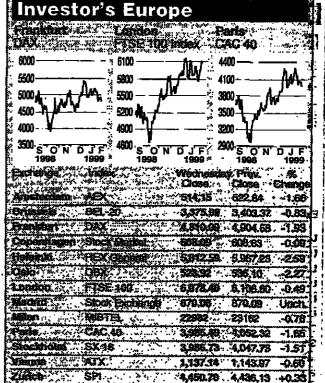
■ Bonn Warns on Growth

Germany's undersecretary of finance, Heiner Flassbeck, warned that the current pace of economic growth in the United States would not continue and urged EU countries to strengthen demand to offset slowing global growth, Bloomberg News reported.

"It would be fatal for Europe if that American bubble burst now,' he told the European Parliament's monetary affairs subcommittee. Mr. Flassbeck also said he was

not concerned about the euro's recent decline against the dollar. Given the difference in interest

rates between the U.S. and Europe, "a slight weakness of the euro is entirely normal," he said.



Very briefly:

 Electra Investment Trust PLC, a British leveraged buyoui. fund that rebuffed a £1.1 billion (\$1.8 billion) takeover bid by 3i Group PLC in January, is considering buying back up to 40 . percent of its stock as a precursor to liquidating its assets if no one offers to buy the company for an acceptable price. • WPP Group PLC posted a 20 percent rise in full-year profit.

to £212.8 million. The owner of the ad agencies Ogilvy & ... Mather and J. Walter Thompson Co. predicted strong growththis year despite economic turmoil in Asia and Latin America. • Saga Petroleum ASA swung to a big loss in 1998 and

announced a "radical restructuring" including staff cuts to fight low oil prices. Battered by a 30 percent plunge in oil prices, the largest listed Norwegian oil company reported a ner loss of 1.26 billion kroner (\$163.5 million) against a profit of 1.22 billion kroner in 1997.

• Christiania Bank ASA, Norway's second-largest bank. said 1998 net income unexpectedly rose 1 percent to 2.24 billion kroner as income from lending rose.

• AB NCC, a Swedish construction company, said it was buying Superfos Construction AS of Denmark for 1.4 billion Swedish kronor (\$176.7 million), creating a Nordic leader in .-

• AB Scania's fourth-quarter net profit rose 7 percent, to 670 million kronor, as robust demand for trucks in Europe outweighed a slump in Brazil, the Swedish truckmaker's largestnational market.

 Airbus Industrie plans to delay again the introduction of a 600-seat superjumbo jet because the European planemaker doës not expect enough demand for the passenger plane before 2005. I amid slow growth in Asia and overcapacity in other regions. 97 • Allied Irish Banks PLC's 1998 pretax profit rose 42" percent, to 826 million punts (\$1.17 billion). The biggest Irish bank said it was looking forward to further growth despite signs of slowdown in several of its key markets. • France's trade surplus unexpectedly widened 7.5 percent.

to 17.2 billion francs (\$2.9 billion), in December as imports of metal machinery components fell, indicating a slowdown in economic activity, while exports of passenger airliners reith

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Inflates Profit At Deutsche

FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG said Wednesday that its be abolished. pretax profit nearly quadrupled in 1998, but the bank, Germany's

ating earnings were flat. (\$4.5 billion) in 1998 from 2.0 bil- system.

largest lender, conceded that oper-

lion DM a year earlier. Daimler-Benz AG in connection with its merger into Daimler-

Chrysler AG accounted for 3.2 bil-

lion DM of that rise. Deutsche owned almost 25 percent of Daimler's equity. The bank said operating profit, excluding the special dividend and expenses for the conversion to the euro and the preparation of computer systems for the year 2000, was

billion DM. Shares in Deutsche Bank fell 40 cents to 47.95 euros (\$53.70).

The statement made no reference to a planned takeover of Bankers Trust Corp. of the United States or to settlements of compensation claims by Holocanst victims. The bank is still aiming for a second-quarter closing of the takeover, but Chief Executive Rolf Brener has warned that Deutsche may have to call off the dependent company. plan if delays make it economically its full-year figures March 18: - competition approval in a reason-

Special Payout EU Confirms End of Duty-Free Sales

losses would be temporary, limited

Agence France-Presse BRUSSELS — The European ted calls for an extension of dutyfree sales within the European Un-

The EU's executive body approved a report from the single market commissioner, Mario Monti, which concluded that any adverse for duty-free for a reprieve because Deutsche said pretax profit impact on employment does not jussoared to 7.9 billion Deutsche marks tify a temporary extension of the

The abolition of duty-free will But a special dividend paid out by not have a significant negative impact on employment overall," Mr. et prices by 30 percent, as airlines Monti said.

et prices by 30 percent, as airlines often share in the revenue from

The report concluded that job sales.

Commission on Wednesday rejectoffset by the creation of jobs elsewhere in duty-paid retailing. It is estimated that EU governments curion beyond the end of June, when rently lose more than I billion euros the popular travelers' perk is due to (\$1.12 billion) a year in revenue as a result of duty-free sales. The commission's stance repre-

sents a rebuff for Britain, France and Germany, which have lobbied hard of concern about job losses and a backlash from the public. Opponents of the ban say ending

free shopping could eliminate 50,000 jobs and force up airline tickoften share in the revenue from

to specific sectors and more than governments to use funding available offset by the creation of jobs else-in the Union's structural funds to counteract possible short-term regional or social difficulties arising from the abolition of duty-free sales. The commission said it would examine the possibility of devel-

The commission called on EU

oping a special financial program to tackle specific problems linked to The report slams the duty-free

industry for its failure to prepare for abolition. Turnover in the sector increased by 60 percent in the five years following the decision to abolish the system. The decision to abolish duty-free

on June 30 was taken unanimously by EU governments in 1991.

As Profit Falls, Zeneca Reaffirms Merger

steady from a year earlier at 4.3 said Wednesday that pretax profit slipped 2 percent in 1998, to £1.06 billion (\$1.73 billion) as sales rose 6 percent, to £5.51 billion.

The British drugs and agrochemicals company brushed aside concerns that its planned merger with AB Astra of Sweden could be snagged by concerns over competition as it amounced what should be its final set of results as an in-

"Are we confident that the Astra-

LONDON - Zeneca Group PLC David Barnes, chief executive. "The answer is that continues to be our view. Zeneca shares fell 19 pence to

On Triesday, Astra announced that

its pretax profit, including onetime items, rose 15 percent in 1998 to 16.44 billion Swedish kronor (\$2.08 billion) including exceptional items. Zeneca said that pro-forma fig-

ares for the combined company showed that pretax profit climbed 1 percent to \$3.46 billion on a 9 perlion. Combined pharmaceuticals re-

ably short time scale?" said Sir search and development spending was up 12 percent to \$2.18 billion. AstraZeneca will have its corporate headquarters in London, research headquarters in Sweden and will report its results in dollars.

Sir David said he was confident that the merger would be completed in the second quarter of the year, despite concerns expressed by competition authorities in Europe and the United States.

On Tuesday, the European competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert said the two companies had unattractive. Deutsche is to release Zeneca merger is likely to receive cent increase in sales to \$17.23 bil- not addressed European Union concerns about the deal.

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MARKETS: As Financial Shock Reverberates Around the World, the U.S. Appears Immune, but Can It Continue to Avoid Infection?

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is a reflection of slowing economic activity," said Henry Kaufman, a Wall Street economist who runs his own consulting company. "We have to consider whether there is more to come. Developing countries are still coming to grips with a slowdown in the global economy. If the economic revival in Europe is subdued and the American economy slows down, that is bound to put some pressure on other parts of the world."

The message from Washington during these upheavals strikes some foreigners as hypocritical. When Thailand and Brazil were hit, the Clinton administration's message was firm: raise interest rates, cut government spending, put up with a recession if necessary, allow banks to fail, be stoical.

Yet in September, when the crisis seemed as if it might strike the United States, the administration had a change of heart. President Bill Clinton went into overdrive, welcoming three interest rate cuts by the Fed, pressing Europe and others to cut rates as well and finally getting Congress to appropriate money for the International Monetary Fund. The Fed even coordinated the rescue of Long-Term Capital Management, a hedge fund backed by wealthy in-

The rate cuts were precisely the opposite of the prescription that the United States had handed out to everyone else. And these days, there is a lurking fear in Washington that these countermeasures may have worked too well - creating

a false sense of security. At the Treasury Department and the Fed, of-ficials were concerned to see that their actions seemed to have moved millions of investors from an excess of fear to a new spasm of exuberance, sending the stock market to new highs.

Officials say they worry that the eventual fall, if there is one, may be that much farther.

For all the condemnation of cronyism and mismanagement abroad, there are signs in America and Europe of some of the vulnerabilities that brought down Asia.

The crisis abroad was partly a consequence of success: Soaring growth rates led to excess confidence, excess borrowing, excess investment

Not everyone agrees, but some economists see similar patterns in corporate giants like USX, the steel company, and even on farms like the one Mr. Burrus runs.

When pig prices were 80 cents a pound of live weight, Mr. Burrus borrowed from the banks to build new barns. In fact, he just completed his latest barn a few months ago. But the high prices were also driving every other hog farmer in the world to increase production as well, and in hindsight it was a pig bubble that burst.

Now Mr. Burrus is getting 17 cents a pound for his pigs, even though his costs are running 38 cents a pound. Bankers in Cantrall are nervously

eyeing hog farms the way bankers in Rio de Janeiro are anxiously examining coffee plan-

One of Indonesia's Worst-Off

In the remote Indonesian town of Mojokerto, Salamet, a rickshaw driver, is in mourning. Mr. Salamet was outside trying to get rides one afternoon recently when his mother finally died

in her sleep on the floor of his little house. It was a relief, for she had groaned piteously from the pain of breast cancer, and he had been unable to afford painkillers. Yet Mr. Salamet now found himself faced with another bill he could not pay: the \$28 for the coffin and burial.

In the end, neighbors stepped in to lend him the money. But custom dictates that a bereaved son not leave the neighborhood for 40 days. This made it more difficult than ever to find the rickshaw rides that would buy food for his three hungry children and pay the fees to keep his eldest son, Dwi, in the second grade.

Yer to keep his situation in perspective, Mr. Salamet is in the worst-off group — the urban poor — in the worst-off country of all, Indonesia,

and even he is managing to get by.

In Mr. Salamet's neighborhood, no one thinks that the quality of life has retreated even to the level of 1990.

Asked about how much the decression had pushed his life backward, Mr. Salamet, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, described the positive changes over the last decade, and hasized that these have been enduring.

"The biggest change was electricity, which came about six years ago," he reflected. "It cheers us all up, and at night there's light. And then there's also television now as well.

'The second-biggest change is that the roads here got paved. It used to be that in the rainy season, everything got so muddy you couldn't go anywhere. But now we can get around in all seasons, and I can drive the rickshaw and earn a living even after it's rained."

"The third change is the toilets." he concluded. "They were built four years ago. Until then everybody just used the river, but that was a problem at night. It was far away, and there were akes that used to bite people.

These kinds of gains are still fragile, particularly in places like Indonesia. China and Russia, where there are serious risks of political instability. But for now at least, they have not

come close to being undone. More broadly, the striking thing about the economic news from Asia these days is that so much of it is good. A year and a half after the Asian crisis began, countries like Thailand and South Korea are showing signs of bottoming out. Asia's currencies have recovered sharply, with a dollar now buying about 9,000 Indonesian rupi-ah, compared with 16,650 rupiah in June — but 2,500 rupiah before the crisis.



Life is harsher for Salamet, an Indonesian rickshaw driver, since the economic crisis, but he said it's still better than a decade ago.

Interest rates have fallen as well, and this has bolstered the stock markets. They remain far, far below their pre-crisis levels, but Asian stock markets were some of the best performing in the world last year. The Seoul exchange rose 121 percent in dollar terms in 1998, and Bangkok's

was up 34 percent — both from abysmal lows. If countries like South Korea and Thailand really restructure their economies in fundamental ways - which so far has not happened, despite a lot of promising talk — then it is possible that they will emerge that much stronger from the crisis, with better banking systems, more open economies, stronger legal systems and more democratic political structures. President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea argues that the crisis will be remembered as a blessing, because it is forcing essential economic changes.

'I believe that having to restructure our economy under the agreement of the IMF is ultimately

a big help for our economy," Mr. Kim said. Whether the recovery is slow or rapid, the emerging markets eventually are expected to regain their pulse. Although they make up just 7 percent of the global value of stocks around the world, emerging markets account for 70 percent of the world's land, 85 percent of the world's population and 99 percent of the anticipated growth in the world's labor force.

The Sandwich Man in Bangkok

Sirivat Voravetvuthikun offers a hopeful im-

achieve greater prosperity.

Mr. Sirivat, 50, an ethnic Chinese Thai busissman who went to high school and college in Texas, was a successful investment manager and property developer in Bangkok. With his brother, he built 28 lavish homes in the middle of a vast golf resort, with no luxury spared, from the swimming pools to the landscaping beneath

mango trees and cocount paims.

The development cost \$12 million, \$10 million of it borrowed from banks and much of the rest from Mr. Sirivat's savings. It is in a lovely spot, nestled among the hills 185 kilometers northeast of Bangkok, but just as it was being completed, the property market collapsed. Now the homes

are empty and the main pool is green with algae. The homes did not sell, and interest costs soared. Banks pressed him for payment, and Mr. Sirivat could not meet the payroll for his staff. He

and his brother began quarreling.

That was when Mr. Sirivat, like thousands of other businessmen around Asia, decided to start again. Drawing on his years in the United States, he decided to become a sandwich peddler. Sandwiches are not a customary food in Thailand, so Mr. Sirivat decided it would be a good market niche in a country whose young people are increasingly experimental about foreign foods.

"My wife started by making 20 sandwiches."
Mr. Sirivat said. "I told my staff we had to sell them on the street. I remembered people in the States selling popcorn, carrying bags of it, and I thought, we'll try this. It's illegal to have pushcarts or to set up a table on the sidewalk, but I thought it would be O.K. if we just carried the sandwiches in a box."

Mr. Sirivat's business - now known as Sirivat Sandwiches — is thriving, and he is turning a nice profit. The first 20 sandwiches took six hours to sell, but now daily sales have reached 550 sandwiches. Mr. Sirivat has rented another building in Bangkok to make sandwiches and to experiment with new varieties. He aims to

emerge as the sandwich king of Thailand.

"This is going to be big," he boasted, adding that he was trying to build a strong brand name and ultimately hoped to list Sirivat Sandwiches on the Thai stock exchange.

A Backlash Against Capitalism

In assaying what comes next, some of the most fundamental concerns are not economic but social and political.

A growing backlash is evident against Western capitalism, and especially against the Americans who exemplify it. This is most apparent in countries like Russia, which has already defaulted on its debts, but it is found even in Japan, where politicians heap abuse on what they call Anglo-Saxon capitalism, deriding its ferocity and

age of Asia's future, one in which Asians manage. In a rebellion against the American-led drive to rebuild their lives in new ways and thus for free markets, the finance ministers of the achieve greater prosperity.

Mr. Stripper Co. and third-largest industrial countries, second- and third-largest industrial countries, Japan and Germany, have both spoken about the need for tighter controls on currency movements. And late last year, a three-year-old international effort to achieve a Multilateral Agreement on Investments - which would have promoted globalization and cross-border investments collapsed after France, applauded by Australia and Canada, backed out of the talks. All three countries worried about surrendering power to foreign companies and open markets.

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Malaysia, once a darling of international investors, went the furthest in thumbing its nose at the markets. Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad has denounced Jews and the West for conspiring against him and has warned that people in the developing world will stage "a kind. of guerrilla war" against Western corporations that buy overseas companies at depressed

Despite warnings from the West, Malaysia adopted capital controls Sept. 1. The controls which are now being relaxed, seemed to help: The currency stabilized, the stock market more than doubled and foreign exchange reserves rose sharply. Moreover, with interest rates of just 7 percent (compared with 38 percent in Indonesia), Malaysia is expected to eke out a bit of economic growth this year - even as a continued decline is expected for Indonesia. Western officials wony that other countries may adopt Malaysia's meth-

Less dramatic capital controls, like Chile's system to encourage long-term inflows rather than short-term ones, now are also widely praised. Chile dismantled them late last year because at the moment there is no problem with excess capital inflows - but those controls may become a model for other developing countries.

One of the greatest worries in the West is about the future of Russia. The stock market there plunged 84 percent last year in dollar terms. President Boris Yeltsin, once seen as President Clinton's ally and the man who would mg Russia toward the West, has now faded into the back-

drop along with reforms. Oleg Sysuyev, a top aide to Mr. Yeltsin, sat in his immense office in the old Central Committee Headquarters one day recently and said that reforms very likely were dead for the next five years in Russia. He added that unless the IMF gave in and offered Russia major support, there were only two scenarios for the country.

The first, Mr. Sysuyev said, as he chainsmoked Mariboro Lights, is ruthless budget-cutting, which might lead voters to choose old-style, totalitarian candidates in the parliamentary elections in 1999 and the presidential elections in

The second, he went on, is hyperinflation. "This scenario --- not as fast --- may lead to the same consequences," he said.

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By Stephanie Strom
New York Times Service

TOKYO - NEC Corp., the world's second-largest maker of computer chips, is poised for a furits prominent chairman packing in the wake of a military-procurement

The company refused to comment on reports in three Japanese news-papers Wednesday that Hisashi Kaneko, NEC's president, was on his way out as the company prepared to announce losses of more than 100 billion yen (\$859.4 million).

But NEC did little to quell spec-that would be lil lation that change was afoot in the der Mr. Sasaki.

Koji Nishigaki, the executive erations and is considered attuned to it had placed NEC's long-term debt 187 percent of its equity.

Mr. Kaneko's likely successor.

But analysts were more excited by the prospect that Hajime Sasaki, ther boardroom shakeout less than the executive vice president in four months after the company sent charge of NEC's semiconductor opeign investors, would take the chairsince Tadahiro Sekimoto resigned last October.

Mr. Sekimoto invested the chairman's position, typically a largely ceremonial role here while decisionmaking power resides with the president, with great clout, a tradition that would be likely to continue un-

Mr. Sasaki ran NEC's U.S. op-

integration business, was cited as capital costs and strategic planning,

most among Japanese executives. has been roiled around the world by erations who is popular among for- falling chip prices, Mr. Sasaki has eign investors, would take the chair-man's seat, which has been vacant disaster. While NEC has also lost money on its semiconductor opersmaller than those of competitors.

The company also said Wednes- NEC officials last week. day it would release a revised esfinancial year, which ends March 31. In October, NEC forecast a loss 35 billion yen. Meanwhile, Moody's Investors Service Inc. said

Unlike competitors such as

concepts that are not always fore- Toshiba Corp. and Hitachi Ltd., NEC has yet to announce plans to overhanl As head of the embattled semi- its business, but analysts are increasconductor business, a business that ingly confident that it has a restruc-

turing program up its sleeve.
"They are talking about restructuring in a way that, in my experience, is quite new for NEC," said Scott Foster, a high-tech industry ations, the scale of the losses are analyst at ING Barings in Tokyo, who had meetings with several top

The company has the weakest timates of its loss for the current balance sheet of any of Japan's diversified high-tech giants, with its net debt, or liabilities that would be left over if the company spent all its available cash to retire debt, equal to

The rising value of Softbank's Internet portfolio has pushed the

company's own stock up by 80 per-cent in the last 12 months and helped

it to pay for stakes in an ever-length-

ening list of on-line ventures. Soft-

bank shares ended trading Wednes-

As of last month, the company

said it had paper gains of almost

en U.S. and two Japanese Internet

runs the risk of cooling investors'

ers warning that such stocks are

creased in value more than eight-

fold in the last 12 months, tumbled

Yahoo!'s shares, which have in-

extremely overvalued.

vice president in charge of selling the international demands of the ratings on review for a possible Reject Claim internation business, including the importance of downgrading. **Of Dumping**

TOKYO - Top Japanese steelmakers said Wednesday that allegations by U.S. competitors that they are dumping exports in the U.S. mar-ket were "hard to understand" and smacked of protectionism.

On Tuesday, five major American steelmakers and the United Steelworkers Union filed complaints accusing Japan and seven other countries of selling steel in the U.S. market at below production cost and home-market prices.

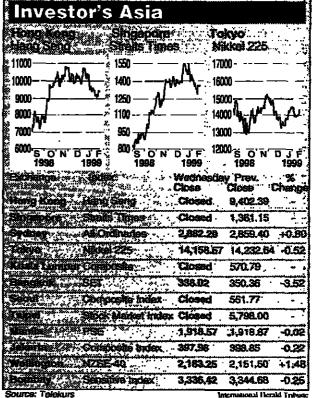
Washington announced last week that it had evidence that Japan and Brazil had illegally dumped hotrolled steel. The new complaints, by Bethlehem Steel Corp., Gulf States Steel Inc., IPSCO Steel Inc., Tuscaloosa Steel Co., USX Corp. and the union, concerned a different type of steel, cut-to-length plate.

Nippon Steel Corp., the world's largest integrated steelmaker, denied the dumping allegation, saying it was "hard to understand what is behind the filing of the complaints. The company also accused the American steel industry of calling for protectionist measures to solve

its own management problems. Nippon Steel often acts in behalf of the Japanese steel industry when a trade dispute emerges over its steel exports. Japanese exports of steel to the United States have become a major trade issue between the countries, with American steelmakers accusing several foreign companies of harm-

Though it remains Yahoo!'s ing the industry with cheap imports. largest shareholder, Softbank's sale The Czech Republic, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Macedonia and South Korea were also mentioned in the complaint Tuesday.

Separately, the Japanese Iron and Steel Federation said Japanese steel production feli 12.2 percent in January from a year earlier as exports to the United States declined. Domes-11.67 percent Tuesday in their tic steel production fell to 7.34 million tons. That follows a 10.6 perago and is the 14th straight monthly decline. (AP. AFP. Bloombers)



Very briefly:

• Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group PLC, Britain's third-largest insurer, will offer to buy Tyndall Australia Ltd. for 738 million Australian dollars (\$467.4 million) in cash to expand its life-insurance and fund-management businesses. • Thailand cut its planned foreign borrowing by 10 percent, to \$5.3 billion, in fiscal 1999 from a year earlier, slashing investment by state enterprises.

 Sumitomo Bank Ltd., Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. and Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co. lowered their earnings forecasts for the year ending March 31 as they expanded plans to write off bad loans. The government is pushing major banks to write off bad loans to rebuild confidence in the industry.

• East Japan Railway Co., the world's biggest railway in terms of passenger revenue, cut its profit forecast 65 percent, saying it would assume the government's share of payments for a shortfall in the state railway pension fund. It reduced its forecast to 24 billion yen (\$203 million) from 68.8 billion yen for the year ending March 31, on sales of 2.49 trillion yen, 1 percent less than earlier forecast.

• Konica Corp. of Japan plans to shut down a U.S. unit and take a 24.2 billion yen charge, wiping out profit for the year ending March 31. Konica will close Konica Photo Service U.S.A. in East Hartford, Connecticut.

cent drop in December from a year • The Asian Development Bank plans to provide \$1.52 billion in loans to Indonesia this year. It approved two loans (AP, AFP, Bloomberg) for Jakarta last year totaling \$1.8 billion.

Bank of Japan Softbank Trims Its Stake in Yahoo! Errs on Report at Societe Generale Securities of their stake in Yahoo!," said (North Pacific) Ltd. "They're Yoshio Inamura, a portfolio man-

TOKYO - The Bank of Japan, whose policy statements are seldom models of clarity, sowed confusion Wednesday when it released and

then retracted a draft version of minutes from a meeting of its key Policy Board. About an hour and a half after news agencies sent a string of news

flashes on what supposedly happened at the board's Dec. 15 meeting, embarrassed Bank of Japan officials said the minutes were a draft not meant for release. The bank deleted the item from its

Internet Web site and officials sought to collect printed versions from reporters. 'It's a simple human error.

bank official told reporters. The final version contained numerous changes of wording and order of presentation but altered little of substance from the originally released report. A mention of a member having talked about the potential problems posed by rising yields in the Japanese bond market was deleted in the revised minutes.

TOKYO — Softbank Corp., a Internet ventures, said Wednesday tential, and I think a considerable that it had sold a \$410 million stake number will turn out to be winin Yahoo! Inc. to finance new in- ners.

Softbank's U.S. holding comternet directory, reducing its stake to 28 percent from 30 percent and recording a capital gain of \$390 million. The one-time gain will pull Softbank from a deficit in the year ending in March, tripling its group profit to 32 billion yen (\$275 mil-

The company, which has accupaper gains on a series of early investments in Yahoo! and other fastgrowing Internet services, said it planned to set up a new fund to add other on-line ventures to its port-

They've already won on their bet on Yahoo!, so lowering their yen. stake to wager elsewhere is probably the right move," said Satoshi to service, and that may have left Hirachi, a software industry analyst

leading Japanese software distrib- throwing money at almost every In- ager at Tokyo-Miisubishi Asset utor and a shareholder in dozens of ternet business with any sort of po- Management Ltd.

The sale of Yahoo! shares will offset a drain on earnings from Soft-bank's U.S. publishing unit, Ziffpany sold 3 million shares in Ya-hoo!, the world's most-visited In-Davis Inc. Softbank expects to post a pretax loss of 15 billion yen before day at 7,980 yen, down 150.

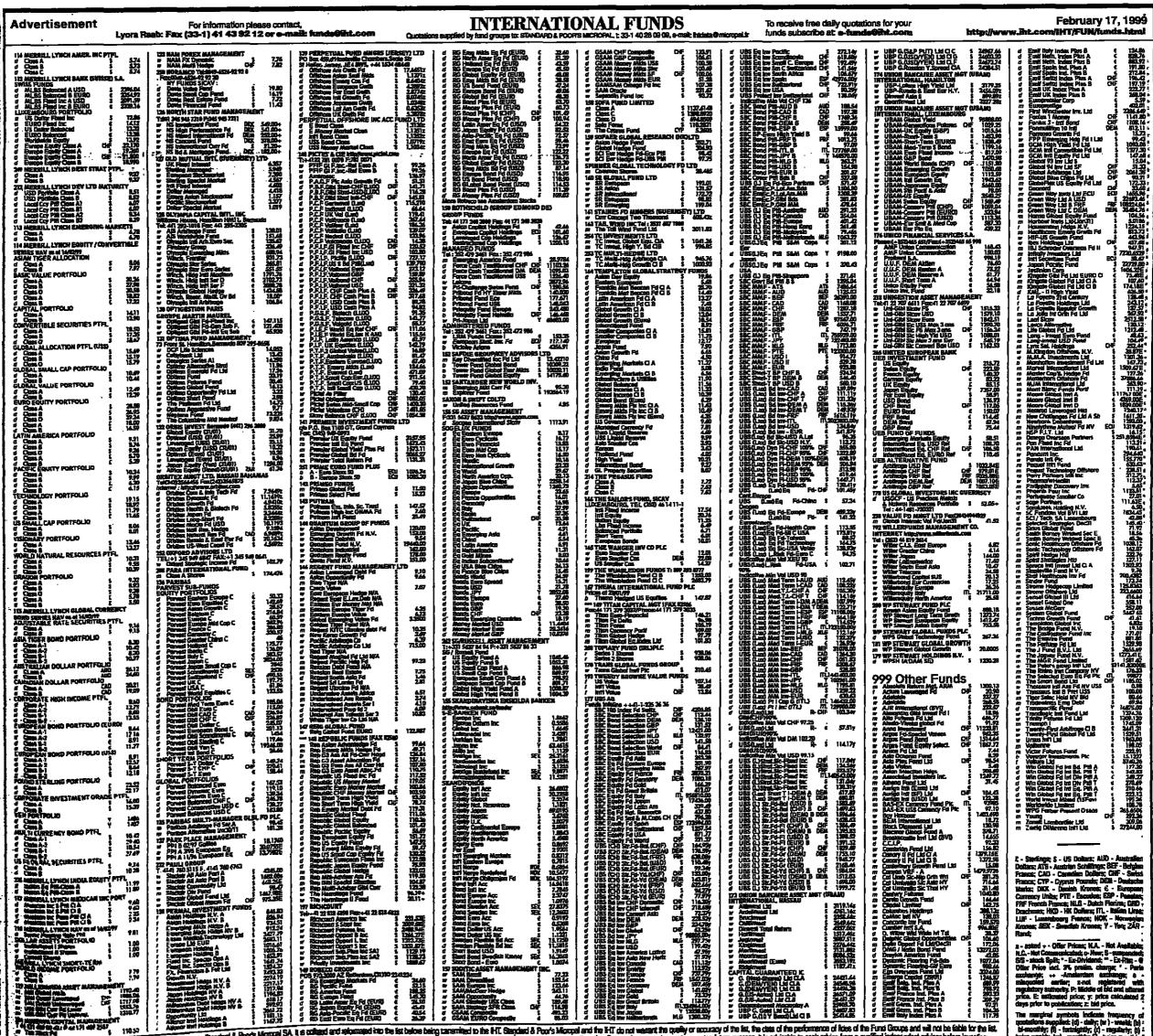
one-time items in the current year. Softbank and 48 of its affiliates that contribute to group profit \$11.9 billion on investments in sevearned 10.3 billion yen last year.

The sale of Yahoo! shares raised concern among some investors and analysts that Softbank is struggling under a heavy burden of debt it has mulated several billion dollars in accumulated in recent years as the enthusiasm for Internet ventures, esresult of a string of acquisitions. It pecially with many industry watchbought Ziff-Davis in 1996 for \$2.1

When it reported half-year earnings Nov. 11, Softbank said it had interest-bearing debt of 242.5 billion yen and assets of 800 billion

"They certainly have a lot of debt

biggest percentage fall since Oct. to service, and that may have left them with no choice but to sell some Yahoo! was \$5 higher at \$138.375.



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Bidding Unethical But Not Criminal

OLYMPICS A former federal prosecutor working on the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's investigation into the Olympics bribery scandal said she found no indication of criminal conduct.

While Salt Lake Olympic Committee, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee have been conducting separate investigations of ethical misconduct, the U.S. Justice Department and Utah Attorney Gen-eral's Office have been looking for criminal violations.

Beth Wilkinson said she found evidence of ethical lapses, but no breaches of criminal law on the part of the bid committee.

'Some of their activities could be seen as unethical, but that's a long way from being criminal,"

Ali's Daughter to Fight

BOXING The youngest daughter of Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion, is to fight professionally, the German newspaper Bild reported Wednesday.

Laila Ali, 21, who will fight in Las Vegas on March 19, said she was not deterred by her father's health problems. "He didn't take many punches when he was young," said Laila, the youngest of Ali's seven children by three marriages. "It was never proven that the Parkinson's disease from which

'he suffers was caused by boxing."

"The world expects something from me," she said. "I want to achieve what my father did, I want to win titles, to shake up the

Yanks Hire Mets Castoff

BASEBALL Tim McCarver, the former St. Louis Cardinals catcher, was introduced Tuesday as TV analyst for the Yankees, who hired him two weeks after the New York Mets let him go. Some in Mets organization had been upset by Mc-Carver's on-air criticism.

Swiss Qualifier Advances

TENNIS Roger Federer, a Swiss qualifier ranked No. 178 in the world, upset Bohdan Ulihrach, 6-4, 7-5, Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the Rotterdam indoor tournament. Greg Rusedski, the No.5 seed, reached the second round by beating Nicolas Kiefer, mard, who won the Dubai Open on Sunday, crushed Felix Mantilla,



Jerome Golmard celebrating his victory over Felix Mantilla.

WORLD ROUNDUP 'City of Sails' Prepares For the America's Cup

Auckland Expecting Huge Spectator Fleet

By Christopher Clarey

UCKLAND, New Zealand "The City of Sails" is what Aucklanders call their community, and it is much more than a marketing slogan cooked up by an identityhungry chamber of commerce.

Stand on the deck of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the club that will play host to the next America's Cup regatta, and you can see nearly 2,000 boats moored in Westhaven Harbor.

Though Auckland had a rich sailing There are several hundred more across the way in Bay's Water, where a local boy named Peter Blake learned to sail in a dinghy long before he became a knight and a national role model.

There are several hundred more in America's Cup harbor exceed \$200,000, Westpark; several hundred more in Half and that does not include construction Moon Bay; several hundred more in Gulf Harbor and thousands more scattered among the myriad inlets and even backyards of New Zealand's

"The water is easy to get to here, and though boating is not cheap, it is not considered to be elitist," said John Cutler, a New Zealander who is sailing director for the challenger syndicate America True.

In all, there are an estimated 80,000 vessels in Auckland, one for every 11 inhabitants. A year from now, when Team New Zealand defends the Auld the advantages are that the sponsors, the Mug it won so convincingly in 1995 in media and the public can see what's San Diego, many of those vessels will be going on.

in the Hauraki Gulf as a spectator fleet.

"They got 650 boats in San Diego, and we're looking at peaking at 5,000 to 6,000," said Tony Thomas, the America's Cup event director. "Can you imagine the atmosphere with a kind of diamond surrounded by boats, and inside that diamond are two America's has already built its boat shed and side that diamond are two America's has already built its boat shed and Cup yachts having a battle. It will be like a stadium, a very full stadium."

Auckland is a long way from Cowes, the British seaport where the America's Cup was first contested in summer 1851. sionate about this event. It is a long way from the northeastern seaboard of the United States, where the an imposing structure made of corrug-

the country's most prominent sports pon Challenge, accused a Team New broken shoulder and a broken wrist to his team, the rugby union's All Blacks, have Zealand support boat of ramming his collection of injuries, the worst of which happened in June after he had won five of been pushed out of the display windows by paraphernalia hawking and hailing train from a distance. The New Zealthe merits of Team New Zealand

"In San Diego, there were a few Cup and were excited about it, but the majority didn't care," Cutler said. "But Many of the down here, this is a substantial event. training here with practice boats during You go out to a restaurant or take a taxi the Southern Hemisphere summer in an and people just get right into the Cup." the southern Hemisphere summer in an attempt to acclimatize themselves to the car drivers. Not that the racer of 500cc and people just get right into the Cup."
Apparently, the public knows enough to ask for more than an autograph.

know the answer to that one,' or even, 'I can't answer that one.' Somebody asked me what our keel looked like."

It could prove difficult to keep a keel under wraps in Auckland. The syndicates will be working in particularly close quarters when the challenger series begins Oct. 18. Unlike in San Diego, all the yachts and their crews and support staff are expected to be based in the same \$45 million from a relatively shallow forming under his thick mustache.

fishing basin into a world-class harbor. When New Zealand won the Cup, Blake, the veteran sailor in charge of the successful campaign, knew he wanted this for Auckland, and one of the reasons he decided to wait five years instead of the customary three or four to defend was that he wanted Auckland to have ample time to prepare. Blake also wanted to capitalize on the year 2000

culture, it lacked the sort of deepwater slips that America's Cup yachts require.
Now, that problem has been rectified, although the downside for the challengers is that rental fees for space in the

costs, which Cutler estimates will bring the total cost well above \$500,000. Syd Fischer, who heads the Australian challenge, has refused to lease space in the harbor because of the price, but most

sail on.
"I think it's very reasonably priced space for what it is," Blake said. "If you want to go and develop your own site,

of his rivals have preferred to pay up and

there is nothing to stop you. "But the costs are prohibitive. We're talking real money there: millions and

headquarters. So has America One, whose skipper, Paul Cayard, won the prestigious Whitbread race last year in his first attempt but remains most pas-

America's Cup was contested for well ated steel and painted black, has been over a century. But for an event badly in operational since late last year, and in need of rejuvenation after its litigious order to get past the front door, visitors and uninspiring eight-year run in San must put a thumb on a high-tech scanner Diego, Auckland is a fine place to start and hope the print matches.

Even if Team New Zealand down-It will be the rough equivalent to staging an Alpine ski race in Austria or a football game in Dallas. And at least for the moment in Auckland, souvenirs for the moment in Auckland, souvenirs for the moment in Auckland, souvenirs for the moment in Auckland and the olating rules that competitors must stay as only Juan Manuel Fangio did in Forpeople who knew about the America's 200 meters (660 feet) away from each

Many of the challengers have been conditions they will face later this year.

Blake and Team New Zealand will be "You hear questions you don't hear anywhere else," said Kevin Hall, a Californian and prospective crew member on America One. "It's like, 'I don't even unify their efforts and their sponsorship waters. They will not conduct the tra-ditional defender's trials, preferring to unify their efforts and their sponsorship and to refine their boats until a chal-olympic Committee. lenger emerges from what should be a particularly grueling process if 12 or more syndicates are involved.

It is a calculated risk on Blake's part, and the man who helped spark a national celebration in 1995 is well aware that sporting popularity can prove as ephemeral as a yacht's wake.

"Our team doesn't want to have to go location: the Viaduct Basin that has been live in Rio de Janeiro forever, and transformed at the considerable cost of neither do L' Blake said a thin smile



LETTING FLY - Shoaib Akhtar, a Pakistan fast bowler, delivering a ball against India on Wednesday in Calcutta on the second say of the inaugural match of the Asian test series. Akhtar took four wickets for 71 runs as India was all out for 223 in its first innings, a lead of 38 runs. Sadagopan Ramesh, an opening batsman, was top scorer for India with 79. Pakistan then reached 26 for one wicket in its second innings.

Motorcycling's Master Takes a Break

By Brad Spurgeon International Herald Tribune

PARIS — As most of motorcycle racing's leading teams because last official winter testing in Jerez, Spain, on Wednesday, one competitor was missing. While the contenders are spending five days tuning their machines and honing their skills, the man they are chasing won't be there.

Mick Doohan, a 33-year-old Australian, has won the sport's most prestigious title — the 500cc class — every year since 1994. He took part in tests last month at Phillip Island, Australia, and broke his own lap record by a full second. He then decided to take a holiday before the season starts in April.
"I'm ready for the new season." Doo-

han said in an interview. "I'm motivated

broken shoulder and a broken wrist to his quit racing after the accident. The crash resulted in having to have his right ankle the first seven races of the season. "Mentally I knew I was strong anders maintained that Main was vi- from going on to win as many world titles mula One, or three more Grand Prix victories than Alain Prost's record of 51.

But because Doohan did it all on two wheels rather than four, he does not have motorcycles is ignored. Doohan was Australia's sportsman of the year from 1996 through 1998. His sport is popular

In the 500cc record books, Doohan lies second only to Giacomo Agostini, an Italian who won the title eight times, the last in 1975.

Doohan compared his sport with the more popular four-wheel type of vehicle, "With Formula One it's all about the atmosphere and the show, and the race is secondary," he said. "Our ra-cing's a spectacle that keeps you on the

edge of your seat."

Grand prix motorcycle races are neck-

the same circuits as Formula One, but lasting about half as long. The 16-round championship takes place or first lasting about half as long.

of a major corporation rides motorcycles for leisure. We're not Hell's Angels. We're not sitting around taking drugs and we haven't got guns hidden inside our leathers.

the leg was saved, but the ankle is per-

said. "If I could get myself back to being fit, I knew that I could beat the best of them. I had some unfinished business.'

technicians created a brake lever on the commit himself beyond one season. handlebar that he controls with his later paralyzed in a racing accident.

championship takes place on five continents. Doohan blames the sport's lack of popularity in the United States on its obtained a record number of pole positions. In 1997, with 12 victories, for the last of popularity in the United States on its obtained a record number of pole positions. In 1997, with 12 victories, for of popularity in the United States on its
"Hell's Angels stigma."

obtained a record number of pole positions. In 1997, with 12 victories, he
"Today," he said, "everyone from
XYZ in the street to your chief executive

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victories in a single season.

Like all racers, Doohan rationalizes the danger: "We run around a purposebuilt street circuit with a lot of runoff, so it's quite safe. If you look at the IndyCar ovals, or the street circuits they run on in ovals, or the street circuits they run on in In 1992, Doohan broke his leg during trials for the Dutch Grand Prix at Assen. In 1992, Doohan broke his leg during trials for the Dutch Grand Prix at Assen. In 1992, Doohan in 1992, Doohan broke his leg during trials for the Street circuits they run on in Monaco, we're running 300 to 320 kind lometers per hour, almost 200 miles per hour, and the IndyCars are running at an average speed of 250 miles per hour on some circuits, and they hit a wall. So we're not too bad."

It was the safety worries of his parents anentity locked into one position. that statted him racing at age nine, after, Doohan said that had he won the title he was inspired to ride motorcycles by an older brother. His father was the manager of an earth-moving company in New Guinea, and the boys would ride their motorbikes around the construction. sites and mines. His parents enrolled them on a track, under supervision, and with nearby medical facilities.

Doohan is racing for the Repsol-The locked foot is the one used to work Honda team again, the manufacturer with the rear brake, so Doohan's mechanical which he won all his titles, but he will not

'In any top-line sport these days,'' he thumb. He rode the last two races of said, "you get to where you've got on 1992, but lost the title by four points to natural ability — then the work begins. Wayne Rainey, an American who was If you want to succeed, you've got to take it to the next level."

Flyers Snap Losing Streak in Phoenix, 4-1

Philadelphia's first two goals as the Eric Desjardins also scored for the Flyers broke out of a four-game winless streak with a 4-1 victory in

LeClair increased his league leading goals to total of 37 as Philadelphia

The Associated Press Dmitri Tertyshny, a Russian de-PHOENIX — John LeClair scored fenseman got his first NHL goal, and

Nikolai Khabibulin, the Phoenix goalie, made 37 saves, but he was overwhelmed by the Philadelphia's offense, especially in the second periwon Tuesday night. LeClair also as- od when the Flyers put 20 shots on net sisted on the Flyers' other two goals. and scored on two of them.

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England Appoints Keegan as Coach

LONDON - Kevin Keegan was named Wednesday as England soccer coach for the next four games.

Keegan, 48, said he wanted to coach only through June so he could stay in charge of Ful-ham, a second-division club. David Davies, the interim

chief executive of the English FA, said the association would begin a search for a full-time coach to take over when Keegan steps down. Keegan has 18 months left on his contract at Fulham.

Keegan replaces Howard Wilkinson, who took over after Glenn Hoddle was fired Feb. 2 for controversial comments about the disabled. Wilkinson coached England to a 2-0 loss last week against France, the world champion.

Keegan played 63 times for the England. He led Liver-pool to its first European Champions Cup triumph in 1977 and later led Hamburg to the Bundesliga title and was twice named European player of the year.

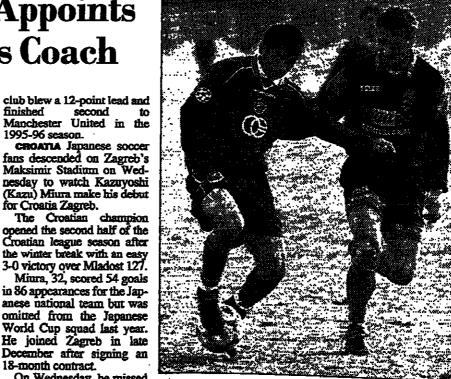
club blew a 12-point lead and finished second to Manchester United in the 1995-96 season. **CROATIA** Japanese soccer

fans descended on Zagreb's Maksimir Stadium on Wednesday to watch Kazuyoshi (Kazu) Miura make his debut for Croatia Zagreb. The Croatian champion opened the second half of the

the winter break with an easy 3-0 victory over Mladost 127. Miura, 32, scored 54 goals in 86 appearances for the Japanese national team but was omitted from the Japanese World Cup squad last year. He joined Zagreb in late December after signing an

18-month contract. On Wednesday, he missed penalty in the 42d minute but set up Zagreb's second goal and showed flashes of technical brilliance.

He has already proved a marketing hit. The club sold television rights for the game Wednesday — a sporting event few people in Croana Keegan's only coaching would normally be interested in - to a Japanese television was at Newcastle, where he network and the club is in led the team to promotion to talks for the rights for the rest

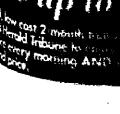


The Japanese star Kazu Miura, left, of Croatia Zagreb, showing off his skills Wednesday against Mladost 127.

■ Cantona Bests Best

winning team was second. Ryan Giggs, a member of the Manchester United fans voted Eric Cantona, who led the club to the Premier League and FA Cup double in 1994 and 1996, the greatest player in the cinb's 107-year history, Renters reported.

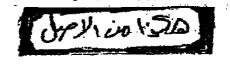
Ryan Giggs, a member of the current team, was third in the 1967 team and in England's World Cup winning team the year before, was fourth. Bryan Robson was fifth, Duncan Edwards, who died in the 1958 Munich air George Best, a star of died in the 1958 Munich air United's 1967 European Cup crash, was sixth.



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Jazz Can't Find the Beat **And Sonics Play Tutor**

Utah Scores Just 56 Points as Payton Leads Seattle

In a matchup of unbeaten teams, Gary Payton had 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to a 71-56 victory over the visiting Utah Jazz, who produced the second-lowest point total in a National Basketball Association regular-season game since the 24-second shot clock was instituted

"We looked like we never played a game ogether," said Jerry Sloan, the Utah coach. The Indians Pacers managed just 55 points against the Spurs last March 29. Utah scored

NBA ROUNDUP

54 points last year in Game 3 of the NBA Finals against Chicago.

Finals against Chicago.

The Jazz were playing Tuesday night without their starting guard, Jeff Hornacek, who was attending the funeral of a friend. Utah shot was attending the funeral of a friend. Utah shot a scoring slump with a season-high 22 points and Alonzo Mourning added 19 points to victory at Indiana.

on Monday apparently took its toll on the Jazz, especially on the 36-year-old Karl Malone and the 37-year-old John Stockton. Malone led the Jazz with 15 points on 4-for-13 shooting and Stockton was 1-for-7 and scored three points.

"We saw a team playing back-to-back games and we wanted to take advantage of Harrington had no problem filling in for the them," said Olden Polynice, the Sonics' cen- injured Charles Barkley as he scored 17 points ter. Stockton didn't buy it.

"No one complained about fatigue," he said. "Minutes are shared pretty well so there was no reason to be exhausted." A frustrated Malone was given a technical foul 4:01 into the second half.

Knicks 95, Raptors 85 Marcus Camby, the player New York acquired for Charles Oakley, helped spoil Oakley's return to Madison Square Garden with a season-high 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Bucks 93, 76ers 92 Glenn Robinson sank an 18-footer with one-tenth of a second left to keep Milwankee in first place in the Central Division with a victory at Philadelphia. Robinson finished with 18 points, while Allan Iverson scored 23 for the 76ers.

Note 97, Pistons 82 Keith Van Horn scored a career-high 35 points as New Jersey snapped a three-game losing streak. Grant Hill led visiting Detroit with 22 points.

Cavaliers 90, Manie 78 In Cleveland, Vitaly Potapenko, replacing the injured center Zy-

carry Miami to victory at Indiana.

Hawks 83, Bulls 67 In Chicago, Steve Smith led Atlanta with 17 points and Alan Hen-derson had 14 as the Hawks beat the Bulls for the second time in a week. Toni Kukoc paced the Bulls with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Rockets 109, Suns 92 In Houston, Othelia

and 13 rebounds to lead the Rockets to their fifth straight victory. Kings 101, Celties 98 In Sacramento, Corliss Williamson's short jumper with 7.5

seconds remaining and his free throw to complete the three-point play lifted the Kings.



Jerry Stackhouse of the Pistons, right, trying to steal the ball from Kerry Kittles.

the second overtime session as Vancouver discussed the matter with Carmen Electra, the

and Rick Fox each scored 20 points in what might be the Lakers' final game this year without Dennis Rodman on the team. Bobby Phills scored 20 points and J.R.

Reid had 13 points and eight rebounds for visiting Charlotte. ■ Rodman Keeps Lakers at the Altar

Dennis Rodman called Jerry West, the Los Friday night when they host the San Antonio Angeles Lakers' executive vice president, and Spurs — one of Rodman's old teams.

Grizzlies 93, Clippers 89 In Los Angeles, told him that he wouldn't make a final de-Sam Mack stole a pass and scored a lay-up in cision about signing with the Lakers until he the second overtime session as value of the second overtime session as value of the winless Clippers in Los Angeles.

Mack finished with 22 points and Shareef he apparently only rarely speaks to, the Los Angeles Times reported.

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As of Tuesday night, Rodman had not gotten back to the Lakers, who have offered him a contract for this season at \$1 million prorated to \$600,000 for the shortened carnpaign. "He'll probably try to make his debut during a nationally televised game," said O'Neal. "Marketing-wise, that'll probably be a good thing to do."

The Lakers' next national TV game is

Signings Aplenty In Offseason NFL

CLEVELAND — The million offer. Cleveland Browns, who left themselves far under the salary cap by limiting themselves generally to young players in the expansion draft, added three players, led by the linebacker Chris Spielman.

Spielman, 33, did not play in 1998 because his wife was being treated for breast cancer. Stefanie Spielman is now cancer free. The Browns acquired Spielman from Buffalo for past considerations.

The Browns also signed the offensive tackle Orlando Brown and the cornerback Corey Fuller on Tuesday. Brown, who reportedly signed a seven-year, \$26 million deal, was one of four Baltimore Ravens players signed by other teams.

The New York Jets agreed to terms with a pair of Baltimore players, the tight end Eric Green and the defensive end Mike Frederick. The defensive tackle James Jones. who spent three seasons with the Ravens, signed with the Detroit Lions.

eet that would make him the highest-paid tight end in

match the five-year, \$14.4

The Philadelphia Eagles agreed to contracts with the receivers Charles Johnson and Torrance Small. Johnson, who spent five seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers. signed a five-year, \$15 million contract, and Small, who played for the Indianapolis. Colts, signed a four-year, \$9 million deal, according to

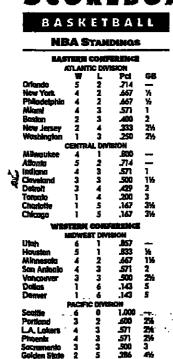
their agents. The Denver Broncos agreed to terms with the former Kansas City Chiefs: cornerback Dale Carter.

Robert Edwards, the New England Patriots' rookie running back who was injured at the Pro Bowl, may never play again, according to doctors who operated on his left knee Tuesday. Doctors discovered nerve damage in his lower leg while performing the surgery.

Edwards rushed for 1,115 yards last season but injured himself in a beach-football game in Honolulu. The rookie is to miss the 1999 season.

Doctors were able to repair damage done to four knee lig-The Jacksonville Jaguars aments, but also found the signed Kyle Brady to an offer nerve damage, the team said in a statement. Dr. Bertram Zarins said he was pessimisthe National Football League. tic about Edwards playing The Jets have seven days to again, but did not rule it out.

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JACKSONVILLE—Signed TE Kyle Brady to an offer sheet.

NEW ENGLAND—Signed DT Henry Thomas to 3-year contract.

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OAKLAND—Named Jim Erkenbeck and Robin Ross assistant coaches.

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Johnson to 5-year contract and WR Torrance Small to 4-year contract.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Signed QB Jeff Garcia to

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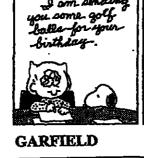
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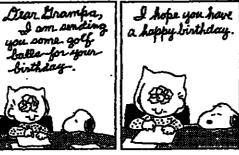
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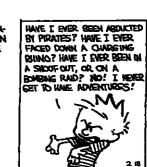
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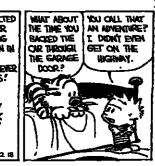




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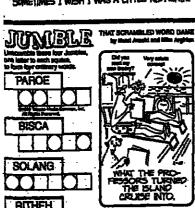






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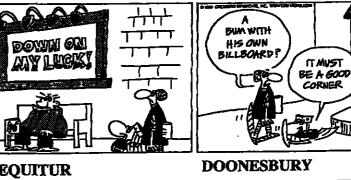




















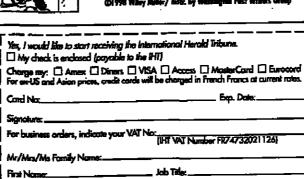


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Pause at Radio City Music Hall

The Associated Press NEW YORK — Radio City Music Hall, home of the high-kicking Rockettes and a tourist draw for two million visitors a year, has closed for a seven-month, \$60 million renovation. The landmark art-deco theater is scheduled to reopen in October, in time for the Rockettes' annual Christmas

show, a spokeswoman said. The spokeswoman declined to offer details of the renovation, but said they would include efforts to comply with federal laws meant to protect people with disabilities.

The owners and operators of the theater have been sued by the U.S. attorney's office in New York City, which says the hall is not accessible to the handicapped. To settle the civil action, the owners agreed to install wheelchair and companion-seating spots, and add sound-enhancing devices, among other improvements.

Skullduggery in New Orleans 'Cities of the Dead'

By Patricia Leigh Brown New York Times Service

TEW ORLEANS — On an atmospherically moody day, with rain dripping off the muscadine vines and a concerto by Respighi wasting through the living room, Peter Patout, an antique dealer, was cosseted in the splendor of his Bourbon Street home. There amid Paris porcelain and ancestral oils in gilt frames, he gave his version of the insidious crime that has made him one of the most talked-about men in the city: conspiring to steal cemetery ornaments from hallowed tombs.

"The thieves are in jail," said Patout, a descendant of sugar planters, who is out on bail. "I've been arrested four times. Would you like some Patout sugar in your cof-

Around New Orleans, there is the smell of a rat amid the scent of sweet olive. It was in Patout's secluded courtyard, lush with banana trees of deep Louisiana lineage, that detectives seized two funerary statues, including a \$50,000 marble Madonna. The New Orleans police say they were part of a cache of more than 200 — and counting — romantically patinated urns, angels and Blessed Mothers plundered by thieves last year from the marble tombs and granite sarcophagi that populate New Orleans' legendary

The investigation, which started with four arrests in April, has implicated respected antique dealers who the police say were operating a ring that stole cemetery artifacts to sell to passionate collectors who pay thousands of dollars for mosscovered garden ornaments and benches with evocative rust. The police have recovered statuary valned at more than \$1 million, and they say that is only one-tenth of the booty. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has entered the case, which has moved on to Los Angeles and might include New York.

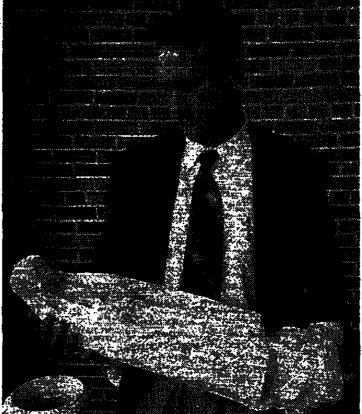
industry, the dark specter of grave robbers cruising the city's cometer-ies with hammers and chiscle has sent a shudder through town. New Orleans, that liveliest of cines, holds its 31 historic graveyards dear. It is a place where a literary journal is named Exquisite Corpse, where tombs have their own audio tours and a bus stop is named Cemeteries.

The thefts tap into two New Orleans obsessions: antiquities and ancestor-worship. "The dead are not forgotten in New Orleans." said Randolph Delehanty, director of the University of New Orleans Ogden Museum of Art and a coauthor of "New Orleans: Elegance and Decadence." "Other places in America have made death an antiseptic phenomenon. But among New Orleans families tombs have primitive power."

Among the prominent victims were the restaurateur Ted Brennan, who lost a Mother Cabrini statue commissioned by his mother for his father's tomb, and Lucille Prima, a relative of the jazz legend Louis Prima. But the sense of outrage is widely felt. Cherished French and Italian marble sculptures were pried off tombs that resemble elegant funerary mansions, expressions of the unique New Orleans way of death. For more than 200 years the dearly departed have been interred above ground to keep them from floating away with the waterlogged soil successive generations pushing old bones to the back of the tomb to make way for new ones.

Along Royal Street and Magazine Street, the fabled antique thoroughfares where many stoken ornaments were seized in police raids, Mardi Gras beads cannot dis- gave up three accomplices. guise a paranoid mood. Dealers say that kneeling crying angels are out, cavorting Bacchuses are in.
"Last year it would have been

'Isn't this pretty?' " said Stephen Moses, president of Neal Auction Co., referring to the large urns, in Even in this Gothic-appreciative exquisite decay, that occasionally city, where gossip unfolds like cross his threshold. "Now it's, 'I drapery and Anne Rice is a tourist wonder if it's been stolen."



Detective Lawrence Green with one of the stolen ornaments.

year ago when a groundskeeper at history being sold at a profit."

Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery His New Orleans friend Patty

Around the same time, Tom Bate, a New Orleans-born contractor liv-

The theft ring began to unravel a killed me," he said. "This was our

spotted a van moving slowly from Lee St. Martin alerted the police tomb to tomb. He took down the and together they started the Nalicense plate number. The van sped tional Cemetery Conservation away, leaving a tall marble angel Foundation, the city's third preawry on its pedestal. The van's servation group dedicated to the owner was eventually arrested and funerary cause. They lobby dealers and their high-end clientele to prevent "cemetery chic."

Detective Frederick Morton said ing in Los Angeles, noticed what the four original "baseline appeared to be gates, urus and iron crosses from New Orleans cemeter-heroin money but eventually graduies popping up with exorbitant price ated to more incrative loot. They led tags in chic West Hollywood shops. Morton and his partner, Detective It outraged Bate, who grew up tak-ing walks with his grandfather in dealers, including Patont, who were Lafayette cemetery. 'It kind of subsequently arrested on charges

that included obstruction of justice and possession of stolen property.
Formal charges, if any, are on hold for all suspects pending the outcome of the investigation, said a spokeswoman for the Orleans Par-

ish district attorney's office.
"I think antiquity led to infatuation," said Green, who usually analyzes blood splatters but whose office is now strewn with copies of office is now strewn with copies of Garden Design magazine and The Newtown Bee, an antiques weekly. "These sculptures were forbidden treasure." Morton said the dealers gave the thieves arthistory into a said. The more design that the more design to the said. tailed the artistry, the more the statues were worth.

Roy Boucvalt, an anesthesiologist, was arrested after the police. seized more than \$43,000 in stolen cemetery artifacts at Boucvair House, his 150-year-old Greek Revival landmark home. His lawyer, Kendall Green, said the delay in filing formal charges "is unusual." and I suspect it's because they can't. find any evidence to support the Conspiracy theory.

The police also arrested Aaron

Jarabica, co-owner of Top Drawer Antiques and Auction of Magazine Street, who said he had no idea the artifacts in his shop were stolen. The thieves told him. they "were from their grandmoth." er's estate."

Lientenant Jeff Wino, who is leading the investigation, said such an estate "didn't exist to our knowledge, but if it did, the place would it look like a Roman coliseum."

Marc Charbonnet, a New York decorator and native New Orleansian, has seen cemetery art at the 26th Street Flea Market in New York. Its presence in Los Angeles: does not surprise him, either.

"You have one city seeped in the miasma of its own culture, and another city with none." he said.
"You pull up a pot and a cross and place it in an L.A. loft with some overstuffed Edwardian furniture, and someone decides to call it neo-Gothic. But in New Orleans, the Gothic is real."



DANCES WITH DRAGONS — A parade winding through the streets of Macau on Wednesday in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Giovanni" on Sunday. The 31-year-old

BEFORE she dried out late last year, the model Kate Moss had not mezzo-soprano injured herself after a rehearsal last week, her New York pubwalked down a catwalk sober for 10 licist said. Bartoli missed two perforyears, a British magazine reports. The mances of Rossini's "The Barber of Face said Moss, 25, had confided in an interview that for much of her career she consumed large quantities of cannabis and champagne. Moss, who spent time in a rehabilitation clinic in London in November, said she would often start drinking in the early hours and smoke pot with other models, the magazine

said. "That's what you do," she was quoted as saying. "You just kind of have champagne. You always have champagne before shows. Always. Even at 10 in the morning." She said she "kind of lost the plot there a little

The opera singer Cecilia Bartoli broke her right ankle when she slipped on a patch of ice outside the Zurich Opera, but she still intends to sing her first Donna Elvira in Mozart's "Don

bit," but added, "I'm changing, but I've always liked that lifestyle."

Seville" as a result of the injury. The Stone Temple Pilots singer Scott Weiland has been ordered back

into drug rehabilitation. Weiland

nection with an arrest last June, when police found him in a city housing project carrying \$100 worth of heroin. He could have faced up to a year in jail. But a criminal court judge sentenced him to a conditional discharge and ordered him to complete a rehabilitation program that he was sentenced to in California after a 1995 narcotics arrest. The judge pleaded guilty in New York on Tuesday will dismiss Weiland's case after a year

to misdemeanor drug possession in con-

Eric Clapton Plans Auction of His Guitars

PEOPLE

London — Eric Clapton will anction off 100 of his 150 guitars to raise money for a center that he created to help people recover from alcohol and drug abuse. The British blues guitarist said he hopes to raise about \$750,000 for the Crossroads Center, which he founded in 1997 in Antigua in the Caribbean.

"The auction finally gives me a chance to share with others the instruments that have given me so much pleasure throughout my career," the 53-year-old Clapton said.

The guitars will go on sale at Christie's in New York on June 24. They include the 1956 Fender Stratocaster he calls "Brownie," on which he played the song "Layla" in the 1970s, and a Gibson ES-335, which he says he used for concerts and recordings in the '90s.

if he complies with the court's order and is not arrested again.

The Washington Post television critic Tom Shales will fill in for Gene Siskel on the "Siskel & Ebert" movie-review show while Siskel recuperates from brain surgery. Siskel, film critic for The Chicago Tribune, had surgery in May to remove a growth on his brain. Roger Ebert, film critic for The Chicago Sin-Times, has been host by himself since Siskel took a leave of absence Feb. 3.

Prince Andrew has been named the patron of a group that is building a pel to the British servicemen killed in the 1982 Falklands War. The Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel will be built on the grounds of Pang-bourne College west of London. It will include brass plaques bearing the names of the 257 British servicemen who died in the war with Argentina. The prince was a helicopter pilot during the conflict



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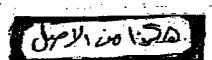
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